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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 ON PAGE 185]

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE
6 WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY
8 15TH. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS
9 PRESENT. OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS HERE, OUR COUNTY
10 COUNSEL IS HERE, AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OUR SERGEANT-
11 AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH THE
12 INVOCATION, LED BY TAHIL SHARMA, INTERFAITH MINISTER IN
13 RESIDENCE, EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES, FROM THE FIRST
14 DISTRICT. THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE, LED BY AIMEE
15 YVETTE BRAVO, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE,
16 LANCASTER, IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE
17 ABLE.

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19 **TAHIL SHARMA:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IF
20 EVERYONE CAN BOW THEIR HEADS IN PRAYER, IN MEDITATION, AND IN
21 REFLECTION? [SPEAKS NON-ENGLISH.] TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
22 PEOPLE AS "US VERSUS THEM" IS A QUALITY OF THE NARROW-MINDED,
23 FOR THOSE OF NOBLE CONDUCT KNOW THAT THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE IS
24 ONE FAMILY. I CALL UPON THE DIVINE LIGHT PRESENT IN ALL THINGS
25 TO STRENGTHEN OUR HEARTS AND HEIGHTEN OUR INTELLECT IN THESE

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1 TIMES OF GREAT CRISIS. AS WE SHARE THIS MOMENT TOGETHER, LET
2 US FOREVER EMBRACE THE SELFLESS SERVICE THAT UPLIFTS THE
3 OPPRESSED IN OUR SOCIETY, AND GRANTS THEM THE DIGNITY THAT WAS
4 ROBBED OF THEM. LET US NOT BE THE BENEFICIARIES OF SYSTEMS
5 THAT EXIST AT THE EXPENSE OF THE DOWNTRODDEN AND THE
6 DEHUMANIZED, BUT RATHER WORK TO RID SYSTEMS OF CORRUPTION,
7 RACISM, AND APATHY. TODAY WE LOOK TO THE CHANGE-MAKERS IN THE
8 HALLWAYS AND ON THE STREETS, THAT STRIVE FOR THE EQUITABLE AND
9 SUSTAINABLE FUTURES THAT WE DESERVE, AND ASK FOR THEIR
10 RENEWAL. IN THE MIDST OF MANY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DIVIDES,
11 EACH OF US MUST SERVE AS A BRIDGE THAT TEARS DOWN THE WALLS OF
12 FEAR AND IGNORANCE. LET US RISE TO THE OCCASION OF STANDING
13 UP, RATHER THAN STANDING BY, WHEN HATRED AND VIOLENCE STAND IN
14 OUR PATH. AS I READ THESE WORDS, LET US AMPLIFY THE VOICES AND
15 FOOTSTEPS OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS DEMANDING THE QUALITY
16 EDUCATION AND JOBS THAT WE DESERVE, AS ANGELINOS. LET THEIR
17 WORDS AND ACTIONS CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF NONVIOLENCE AND CIVIL
18 DISOBEDIENCE THAT HOLDS LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
19 DECISIONS, AND REFORMS UNFAIR POLICY AND SOCIAL NORMS. AS
20 PEOPLE OF FAITH, SPIRITUALITY, AND MORAL CONSCIENCE, I PRAY
21 THAT WE WALK FORTH IN THIS ENDLESS ACT OF REVOLUTIONARY LOVE
22 THAT SEES STRENGTH IN WHAT IS DIVERSE, BEAUTY IN WHAT IS
23 UNITED, AND POWER IN JOINING OUR COMMITMENT TO A BETTER
24 TOMORROW. [SPEAKING NON-ENGLISH.] O ALMIGHTY GOD, GRANT ME
25 THIS BLESSING, THAT I MAY NEVER REFRAIN FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS,

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1 THAT I SHALL NOT FEAR WHAT I MUST CONFRONT, AND THAT WITH
2 DETERMINATION, I WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS. MAY THERE BE PEACE
3 WITHIN US, BETWEEN US, AND AROUND US, NOW AND FOREVER.

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5 **AIMEE YVETTE BRAVO:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT
6 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN YOU MAY RENDER A
7 HAND SALUTE, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE
8 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK MR. SHARMA
11 FOR LEADING US TODAY IN OUR INVOCATION. TAHIL SHARMA IS A
12 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INTERFAITH ACTIVIST BORN IN CULVER CITY,
13 AND RAISED BY A HINDU FATHER AND A SIKH MOTHER IN CLAREMONT,
14 CALIFORNIA. TAHIL'S DEDICATION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN
15 RIGHTS WAS INSPIRED BY THE SHOOTING OF A SIKH TEMPLE IN OAK
16 CREEK, WISCONSIN, BY A WHITE SUPREMACIST. HIS WORK FOCUSES ON
17 THE INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY WITH POLITICS,
18 ADVOCACY, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. IN FACT, HE WAS PART OF
19 THE INTERFAITH GROUP WE'LL BE RECOGNIZING TODAY. TAHIL IS A
20 FAITH OUTREACH MANAGER FOR BRAVE NEW FILMS IN CULVER CITY, A
21 NEW MEDIA COMPANY THAT PRODUCES FILMS AND VIDEOS THAT EMPOWER
22 VIEWERS TO BE MORE CIVICALLY ENGAGED. HE ALSO SERVES AS A
23 RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS LIFE AT U.S.C.
24 HE WORKS ON LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE INTER-RELIGIOUS
25 DIALOGUE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY AMONG STUDENTS

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1 OF DIVERSE RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR BACKGROUNDS. HIS WORK
2 INCLUDES ENGAGING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, WHILE WORKING FOR FOOD
3 SECURITY IN HIS LOCAL COMMUNITIES BY BUILDING AND MAINTAINING
4 GREEN GARDEN BEDS THAT GROW ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAT
5 ARE DONATED TO FOOD BANKS. AND IN 2016, FOLLOWING THREATS TO
6 SEVERAL CALIFORNIA MOSQUES, HE LED A LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN
7 IN SUPPORT OF AND SOLIDARITY OF THE MUSLIM-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
8 HE ALSO SERVES AS ONE OF THREE INTERFAITH MINISTERS IN
9 RESIDENCE FOR THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES, WORKING TO
10 ERADICATE BIGOTRY AND MANIFEST A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE THANK YOU, TAHIL SHARMA, FOR LEADING
12 US TODAY IN OUR PRAYER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** NOW PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING TECHNICAL SERGEANT
15 AIMEE BRAVO FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
16 MORNING. SERGEANT BRAVO HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
17 FORCE FROM 2011, AND IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE 452ND
18 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. SHE HAS BEEN
19 AWARDED THE AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE AIR FORCE
20 OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD, THE AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE
21 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
22 WITH ONE SERVICE STAR, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE
23 MEDAL, AND THE AIR FORCE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES RIBBON WITH
24 GOLD BORDER. I WANT TO GIVE YOU A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR
25 THAT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT SHE LIVES

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1 IN LANCASTER, AND WHEN NOT ACTIVATED, WORKS AS A PROJECT
2 SPECIALIST FOR THE U.S.C. MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAMS, AN
3 AMAZING PROGRAM AT U.S.C. TECHNICAL SERGEANT BRAVO, WE WANT TO
4 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN
5 TODAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. GOD BLESS YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR
6 YOUR SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THOSE WHO CAME DOWN
9 TO LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION AND LEAD US IN OUR PLEDGE. NOW,
10 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
13 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN WITH PAGE 3, SPECIAL
14 DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
17 HELD. THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO 1-H AND 5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
18 WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS.
19 ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
20 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT
22 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM 2,
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE
25 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, THIS

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1 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
3 PAGE 11, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 8 THROUGH 24. ON ITEM
4 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
5 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 21 WILL BE HELD FOR A
7 REPORT. ON PAGE 19, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
8 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
9 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
10 22-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
11 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22-B, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
13 REMAINING ITEMS, THROUGH 22-B, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
17 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THEN THAT WILL
18 BE THE ORDER.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 20, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 20 IS A
21 RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS-- I'M SORRY.
22 ITEM 25 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS
23 AND ESTABLISH A SALARY FOR EARL FRED LEAF TO SERVE AS AN
24 INTERIM DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY, AT AN
25 ANNUAL SALARY OF \$434,361.12, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2019. ON

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1 ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN UP
2 AFTER CLOSED SESSION. ON PAGE 34, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.
3 ITEM CS-2 IS AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
4 AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
6 NO. 1.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY
11 SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CLAREMONT INTERFAITH GROUP:
12 TAHIL SHARMA, WHO WE HEARD FROM IN OUR INVOCATION, JEANETTE
13 ELLIS-ROYSTON, JACOB BUCHHOLZ, JEN STRICKLAND, AND SALLY
14 SIMMEL, AMONG OTHERS, WHO WILL BE JOINING US HERE THIS
15 MORNING. TODAY WE HONOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK OF THE COURAGEOUS
16 GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BELONG TO THE CLAREMONT AND POMONA
17 COMMUNITIES, IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. ON DECEMBER THE TENTH OF
18 2018, THEY WERE PART OF A CARAVAN OF CLERGY AND OTHER
19 ACTIVISTS WHO TOOK PART IN A PEACEFUL PROTEST AT A BEACH NEAR
20 FRIENDSHIP PARK IN SAN DIEGO, AND NEAR TIJUANA, MEXICO, ON
21 DECEMBER THE TENTH. ABOUT 250 PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
22 INCLUDING HINDUS, MUSLIMS, AND CHRISTIAN FAITH LEADERS AND
23 ACTIVISTS, JOINED THE PEACEFUL PROTEST. AS THEY WALKED TO UP
24 THE BORDER, ALL OF THEM WERE GREETED BY THE BORDER PATROL, WHO
25 WERE HEAVILY ARMED WITH TEAR GAS, BATONS, AND GUNS. THE

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1 PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROTEST SANG SONGS, PRAYED, AND CARRIED
2 SIGNS THAT READ, "LOVE KNOWS NO BORDERS." WHEN SOME OF THE
3 PARTICIPANTS CROSSED INTO GOVERNMENT TERRITORY THEY EXTENDED
4 ALONG THE BEACH, THE DEMONSTRATION BECAME, UNFORTUNATELY,
5 PHYSICAL. IT LED TO APPROXIMATELY 34 PEOPLE GETTING ARRESTED.
6 THEY ARRESTED INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN IN
7 THEIR 70S AND 80S, AND ONE WAS LEGALLY BLIND. THE PROTEST AT
8 THE BORDER WAS A CALL TO ACTION FOR MIGRANT JUSTICE, FOR
9 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. PARTICIPANTS CALLED ON THE U.S. TO
10 RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THOSE THAT WANT TO MIGRATE, AND
11 THE MILITARIZATION OF BORDER COMMUNITIES, AND TO END THE
12 DETENTION AND DEPORTATION OF IMMIGRANTS. SINCE THEN, TAHIL
13 SHARMA LAUNCHED A GOFUNDME ACCOUNT TO RAISE MONEY AND
14 AWARENESS TO HELP MEMBERS OF THE MIGRANT CARAVAN WHO WERE AT
15 THE SOUTHERN BORDER. MS. STRICKLAND AND MR. BUCHHOLZ ARE ALSO
16 DOING THEIR PART TO HELP A FEW ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN NEED, BY
17 RAISING MONEY TO BOND THEM OUT OF THEIR DETENTION, AND EVEN
18 PROVIDING THEM WITH A PLACE TO LIVE IN THEIR OWN HOMES. TWO
19 PASTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL GROUP CALLED JUSTICE FOR
20 IMMIGRANTS SEEKING ASYLUM, WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE PEOPLE FROM
21 THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES AND RESIDENTS OF PILGRIM PLACE, WHICH
22 INCLUDES SALLY SIMMEL. AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT
23 MENTION ONE OF OUR GOOD ADVOCATES, JEANETTE ELLIS-ROYSTON, WHO
24 IS PRESIDENT OF THE N.A.A.C.P. POMONA CHAPTER. SO PROUD TO
25 CALL HER A FRIEND OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS A HUMAN

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1 RIGHTS ADVOCATE FOR LOCAL RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO
2 ARE MUSLIM IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, L.G.B.T.Q. AND THE
3 DISABLED, AND MEMBERS OF OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS, WE ARE
4 HAPPY THAT YOU ARE ALL HERE. WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM
5 BEFORE US FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS EFFORTS. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO
6 ASK MR. TAHIL SHARMA, JEN STRICKLAND, JACOB BUCHHOLZ TO PLEASE
7 SAY A FEW WORDS.

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9 **JEN STRICKLAND:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THESE RIGHTS OF
10 IMMIGRANTS, THESE ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION, THEY'RE SPIRITUAL
11 ISSUES AND THEY'RE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. AND WHEN YOU SIT
12 ACROSS FROM SOMEONE IN DETENTION, AND YOU HEAR THEIR STORY,
13 AND YOU FIND OUT HOW VULNERABLE THEY ARE, AND HOW DIFFICULT
14 THEIR LIFE HAS BEEN, AND HOW THEY ARE SIMPLY SEEKING A LIFE OF
15 SAFETY AND FREEDOM, YOUR HEART IS MOVED. IT HAS TO BE MOVED.
16 AND SO THAT'S WHY WE DO THE WORK THAT WE DO, AND THAT'S WHY
17 WE'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO GO OUT
18 AND MEET AN IMMIGRANT. VISIT A DETENTION CENTER. HEAR THEIR
19 STORIES AND BE MOVED, AND JOIN US IN THIS WORK. THANK YOU.
20 [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **TAHIL SHARMA:** I WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO SPEAK BEFORE ME,
23 BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HEARD ME. ONE THING THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY,
24 SINCE I'M EXTREMELY HUMBLLED TO SHARE THIS Dais WITH SUPERVISOR
25 AND WITH SO MANY LOVING, CARING PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS

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1 TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S JUST, THERE'S ONE
2 LESSON THAT I WANT EVERYONE TO LEAVE HERE WITH TODAY, AND IT'S
3 "NEVER ENTER A SITUATION SAYING YOU MAY COME FROM A DIFFERENT
4 BACKGROUND OR A DIFFERENT GENDER OR A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING
5 OF THE WORLD." I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT, AS LONG AS YOU'RE A
6 GOOD PERSON. I WANT YOU TO CHANGE THAT WORLDVIEW TODAY, AND
7 THINK ABOUT WHY PEOPLE HAVE COME TO THE PLACE THAT THEY'RE AT
8 TODAY, BECAUSE OF THOSE DIFFERENCES. AS I MENTIONED IN MY
9 INVOCATION, IF OUR DIVERSITY REALLY GIVES US STRENGTH, IT
10 BECOMES A RESPONSIBILITY, AN IMPETUS ON ALL OF US, TO BE ABLE
11 TO LEARN WHY THOSE DIFFERENCES MATTER, WHY THEY GIVE VALUE AND
12 STRENGTH TO AN INDIVIDUAL, AND WHY IT MAKES THE FABRIC OF OUR
13 NATION AND OUR WORLD SO MUCH RICHER. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **JACOB BUCHHOLZ:** TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF JEN, WHEN YOU DO
16 THIS WORK YOU REALIZE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SEEKING
17 ASYLUM IN OUR COUNTRY ARE NOT STATISTICS, THEY'RE NOT FACTS,
18 THEY'RE NOT SOMEONE TO BE COUNTED, BUT THESE ARE HUMAN BEINGS
19 WHO HAVE A HISTORY, WHO HAVE A STORY, WHO ARE SIMPLY SEEKING
20 SAFETY AND LOVE AND COMFORT. AND SO IT IS AMAZING TO BE ABLE
21 TO BE UP HERE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO KNOW THAT OUR
22 COMMUNITIES ARE TRULY SEEKING TO REACH OUT AND TO BE A PLACE
23 OF WELCOME, TO BE A PLACE OF HOME FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING
24 COMMUNITY, AND WHO ARE SEEKING LOVE. AND SO WE ARE GRATEFUL

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1 FOR EVERYONE HERE, AND HOPE THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE TO JOIN THIS
2 WORK. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE
5 AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE AT THIS PODIUM ALONGSIDE WITH DR.
6 MARIA MARTEZ GOMEZ, DR. JULIAN HIRSCHBAUM, DR. LORENZO
7 GONZALEZ, DR. ANAYA SNOW, WHO ARE JOINING US, AND MANY OTHERS.
8 LAST WEEK, I PARTICIPATED ALONGSIDE THESE VERY BRAVE
9 INDIVIDUALS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY CALL IT A RALLY, BUT I
10 THINK IT WAS MORE OF AN INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN THAT WAS
11 COORDINATED BY A COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS, SERVICE
12 EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, WHICH IS ABBREVIATED AS
13 C.I.R./S.E.I.U. THESE ARE FOLKS THAT ACTUALLY WORK IN OUR
14 HOSPITALS AND HELP TO SERVE THE INDIGENT-- PEOPLE THAT DON'T
15 HAVE HEALTHCARE. AND THEY DON'T ASK IF THEY WERE BORN HERE OR
16 NOT. THEY PROVIDE, BECAUSE THEY UPHOLD THAT MEDICAL OATH TO
17 PROVIDE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN TO ANYONE WHO COMES TO OUR
18 HOSPITALS. THEY JUST HAPPEN TO BE THERE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND I
19 WAS VERY HONORED TO BE ASKED BY THEM TO JOIN THEM LAST WEEK.
20 C.I.R./S.E.I.U. HAS ORGANIZED RALLIES ON ISSUES REGARDING
21 IMMIGRATION, OF ALL THINGS. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT? DR. MARIA
22 MARTEZ GOMEZ HELPED TO ORGANIZE THIS EVENT, AND PERSONALLY
23 TRAVELED TO U.S.-MEXICO, AT THE BORDER, TO INSPECT I.C.E.
24 DETENTION FACILITIES. THESE FACILITIES, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW,
25 HAVE NOT BEEN VERY KIND TO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING

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1 TO SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM, AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE TREATMENT OF
2 MIGRANTS WHO CAME HERE IN SEARCH OF A BETTER LIFE, IT'S
3 RIDICULOUS THAT THEY HAVE TO BE TREATED SO POORLY. IT IS ONE
4 THING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO DO ALL IN
5 OUR POWER TO PREVENT THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS TO
6 THIS COUNTRY; BUT BY SEEING C.I.R. AND S.E.I.U. ORGANIZERS,
7 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE PUT TOGETHER A RALLY LIKE
8 THIS WITH SUCH INCREDIBLE POWER TO GIVE TRUTH TO POWER, AND TO
9 HELP REALLY EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE HUMANITY AND
10 TREATMENT OF ALL PEOPLE REALLY MOVED ME. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW
11 MUCH IT HAS REALLY MADE AN IMPACT ON ME, AND IT CAUSES ME TO
12 THINK HOW THE COUNTY CAN DO MUCH MORE. BUT THEY DIDN'T JUST
13 ORGANIZE HERE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. APPARENTLY, THAT SAME DAY, THEY
14 HAD SEVERAL RALLIES ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING
15 AT U.C. SAN DIEGO, U.C. DAVIS, STANFORD, AND EVEN HARVARD.
16 THEY ALL HAD RESIDENTS TAKE PHOTOS AND POST MESSAGES IN
17 SOLIDARITY WITH PROVIDING HUMANE TREATMENT TO EVERYONE,
18 REGARDLESS OF YOUR CITIZENSHIP OR WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE OR WHAT
19 RELIGION YOU ARE FROM. FOR THAT REASON, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO COINCIDE WITH OUR INVOCATION, AND IT JUST
21 HAPPENED THAT IT ALL CAME LAST WEEK, AND I MET THESE
22 INCREDIBLE PEOPLE. SO I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. LORENZO GONZALEZ,
23 AND THEN HAVE HER INTRODUCE ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES THAT MAY WANT
24 TO SPEAK. PLEASE WELCOME THEM ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **LORENZO GONZALEZ:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DR. LORENZO
2 ANTONIO GONZALEZ. I AM A FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENT AT HARBOR-
3 U.C.L.A., AND I WAS AT THE BORDER TWO WEEKS AGO, LOOKING AT
4 THE MOUNTAIN OF NEEDS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THIS IS NOT
5 JUST A MEXICO ISSUE. THIS IS NOT AN IMMIGRATION ISSUE. THIS IS
6 A UNITED STATES ISSUE, AS WELL, AND WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO
7 FIGURE OUT ANSWERS, BECAUSE PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE AT STAKE RIGHT
8 NOW. AND I WANTED TO PASS THE MIC ON TO DR. HIRSCHBAUM FOR
9 FURTHER WORDS RIGHT NOW. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SPEAKER:** COUNTY SUPERVISORS, FELLOW COLLEAGUES, AND COMMUNITY
12 MEMBERS, MY NAME IS JULIAN HIRSCHBAUM. I'M A SECOND-YEAR
13 RESIDENT PHYSICIAN AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. I STAND HERE TODAY BECAUSE
14 MORE THAN 14,000 MIGRANT TODDLERS, CHILDREN, AND TEENS ARE IN
15 U.S. GOVERNMENT DETENTION AND PROCESSING CENTERS ACROSS THE
16 COUNTRY. ABOUT 5400 DETAINED MIGRANT CHILDREN IN THE U.S. ARE
17 SLEEPING IN SHELTERS THAT HOUSE MORE THAN 1,000 OTHER
18 CHILDREN, WHILE 9800 DETAINED MIGRANT CHILDREN ARE IN
19 FACILITIES WITH MORE THAN 100 OTHER CHILDREN. AND THIS MASS
20 DETENTION OF CHILDREN NEEDS TO STOP. SO, AS PEDIATRICIANS, WE
21 HELD A RALLY ABOUT A WEEK AGO, TO STATE THAT AND EXPRESS OUR
22 OUTRAGE. BEYOND THIS, THE RECENT DEATHS OF FELIPE GOMEZ, 8
23 YEARS OLD, AND JAKELIN CAAL, 7 YEARS OLD, FROM GUATEMALA, IN
24 U.S DETENTION, IS APPALLING, AND THESE DEATHS WERE
25 PREVENTABLE. SO, AS PEDIATRICIANS AND FAMILY MEDICINE

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1 PHYSICIANS, AS WELL, WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN JUST LIKE FELIPE
2 GOMEZ AND JAKELIN CAAL, WE'RE EXPRESSING OUR OUTRAGE AND ALSO
3 STATING THAT WE NEED PEDIATRICIANS IN THESE DETENTION CENTERS,
4 MAKING SURE THAT NO FURTHER DEATHS TAKE PLACE. SO, AS
5 PHYSICIANS AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., WE'RE WORKING WITH THE A.A.P., OR
6 THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRICIANS, TO TRY AND HAVE
7 PEDIATRICIANS IN THESE FACILITIES, TAKING CARE OF THE
8 CHILDREN; AND, IF NOT, MAKING SURE THAT ALL DETENTION OF
9 CHILDREN STOPS. SO WE CONTINUE TO HONOR THIS COMMITMENT AND
10 STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE FOLKS WHO SOUGHT NEW LIVES HERE
11 IN THE U.S. AND IN CALIFORNIA. AND ADDITIONALLY, WE'RE GOING
12 TO CONTINUE TO TRAVEL DOWN TO TIJUANA, AS WELL, DR. LORENZO.
13 AND LIKE WE SAID LAST WEEK, WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER. ESTAMOS
14 MAS FUERTE JUNTOS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS IN THE HOUSE, AND
17 HAS A PRESENTATION.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND
20 GENTLEMEN, TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.
21 AND TODAY WE ARE PROUD TO PROCLAIM JANUARY THE 15TH AS HUMAN
22 TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY, AND THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY AS
23 HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
24 HAS ENGAGED IN MULTIPLE STRATEGIES WITH MULTIPLE COMMUNITY
25 PARTNERS TO LITERALLY DISMANTLE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES,

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1 MOST NOTABLY THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN,
2 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS C.S.E.C. IF YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE C.S.E.C.
3 INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM OF THE L.A. REGIONAL HUMAN
4 TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, OR REPRESENT ONE OF OUR INVALUABLE
5 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, MAY I ASK YOU JUST TO PLEASE STAND? WE
6 WANT TO GIVE YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE IF YOU ARE A PART OF ONE
7 OF THOSE. YEAH. [APPLAUSE.] THESE ARE DIFFERENCE-MAKERS. THESE
8 ARE DIFFERENCE-MAKERS. AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD
9 WORK, AND MIGHT I ADD YOUR VERY IMPORTANT WORK. FOR THOSE WHO
10 WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IN THIS WORK, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT
11 THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE TO LEARN HOW TO DETECT SIGNS OF HUMAN
12 TRAFFICKING, AND WHERE TO GO TO REPORT THESE CRIMES. I DID SAY
13 "CRIMES." THE WEBSITE IS LACOUNTY.GOV/HUMANTRAFFICKING. IN
14 HONOR OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH, I'M PLEASED TO
15 RECOGNIZE TWO IMPRESSIVE-- AND I DO MEAN IMPRESSIVE-- YOUNG
16 WOMEN WHO HAVE VALIANTLY OVERCOME THEIR OWN HISTORIES OF
17 EXPLOITATION. I'D FIRST LIKE TO BRING FORWARD KRISTINA FITZ,
18 AND SECONDLY OREE FREEMAN. THEY ARE TWO SURVIVOR ADVOCATES WHO
19 ARE NOW ON THE FRONT LINE OF THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMERCIAL
20 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING OF YOUNG PEOPLE. WHY DON'T
21 WE GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
22 [APPLAUSE.] PERMIT ME TO SAY A WORD ABOUT KRISTINA, WHO IS
23 JOINED BY HER NINE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, CAITLIN. LET'S GIVE
24 CAITLIN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] KRISTINA IS A
25 C.S.E.C. CASE MANAGER WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, ALSO

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1 KNOWN AS C.L.C. SO IT IS FITTING THAT SHE IS ALSO JOINED BY
2 HER C.L.C. SUPERVISOR, JENNY CHUNG MORENO, AND ONE OF HER
3 COLLEAGUES, TIFFANY CORTEZ. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND WE THANK
4 THEM FOR THEIR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION. IN HER ROLE,
5 KRISTINA BUILDS RAPPORT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO EXIT
6 THE WORLD OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BY PROVIDING SUPPORT AND
7 GUIDANCE. ONE SUCH EXAMPLE OF HER SUCCESS IS HER WORK WITH A
8 TEENAGER WHOSE EXPLOITER REPEATEDLY DEMANDED THAT SHE RUN AWAY
9 FROM HER FOSTER PLACEMENTS AND RETURN TO HIS CLUTCHES. DURING
10 THIS TIME, THE TEENAGER BECAME PREGNANT AND GAVE BIRTH TO A
11 BABY WHO WAS SOON REMOVED FROM HER, DUE TO HER INABILITY AND
12 INSTABILITY. THROUGH MULTIPLE INTERACTIONS AND CONSISTENT
13 MENTORING, KRISTINA HELPED PERSUADE HER TO ACCEPT HOUSING AT A
14 NONPROFIT THAT WELCOMES YOUNG WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN. AND
15 THIS FORMER FOSTER YOUTH IS NOW THRIVING, STABLY HOUSED, AND
16 REUNITED WITH HER CHILD, AND SHE CONSIDERS KRISTINA A CLOSE
17 FRIEND AND MENTOR. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT KRISTINA
18 DOES. SHE DESERVES ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, KRISTINA ALSO SERVES ON THE C.S.E.C.
20 CALIFORNIA STATE ADVISORY BOARD, THE COUNTY C.S.E.C. STEERING
21 COMMITTEE, AND PARTICIPATES IN THE COMPTON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
22 TASK FORCE. ALTHOUGH SHE IS A CERTIFIED COMPOUNDING PHARMACY
23 TECHNICIAN, KRISTINA BELIEVES THAT HER CALLING IN LIFE IS TO
24 WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. SO SHE PLANS TO COMPLETE HER BACHELOR
25 OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES, AND BECOME A SPEECH

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1 LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST FOR CHILDREN. IN KRISTINA'S OWN WORDS,
2 "YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE OUTCOMES OF YOUR SITUATION."
3 AND SO CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTINA FITZ FOR EXERCISING HER
4 POWER. [APPLAUSE.] FOR EXERCISING HER POWER TO ACHIEVE NOT
5 ONLY PERSONAL SUCCESS, BUT ALSO TO HELP OTHERS ATTAIN THEIR
6 OWN SUCCESS BY REACHING THEIR GOAL. AND I WANT TO ADD TO THAT
7 BEING AN EXCEPTIONAL ROLE MODEL FOR CAITLIN. GIVE HER ANOTHER
8 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T WE? [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR
11 BEING PRESENT TODAY. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO
12 HONORED ME FOR THIS TREMENDOUS AWARD. I AM HONORED. IT TOOK A
13 LOT OF HARD WORK FOR ME TO GET TO WHERE I AM TODAY, AND WE
14 STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I JUST WANT TO DEDICATE THIS
15 AWARD TO ALL THE OTHER SURVIVORS THAT ARE STILL OUT THERE THAT
16 NEED HELP, AND LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU CAN BECOME SUCCESSFUL,
17 AND YOU CAN GET OUT OF IT IF YOU PUT IN THE WORK. I ALSO WOULD
18 LIKE TO THANK ALL THE AGENCIES HERE IN THE ROOM, BECAUSE
19 WITHOUT THE AGENCIES, I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. SO I WOULD
20 LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO HAS PLAYED A ROLE, WHETHER IT WAS
21 CASE MANAGEMENT, A SUPERVISOR, JUST GIVING ME THAT OPPORTUNITY
22 TO BE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS AND IMPACT OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES. SO
23 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DID MENTION WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL
2 HONOREE TODAY, AND SHE IS OREE FREEMAN, WHO IS JOINED BY HER
3 NEWBORN, EVELYN FAITH. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
4 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] HOW ABOUT THAT? OREE IS A PEER ADVOCATE
5 AND TRAINER WITH THE NONPROFIT SAVING INNOCENCE. HER
6 SUPERVISOR AT SAVING INNOCENCE IS AMBER DAVIES, AND IS
7 STANDING WITH HER, AS WELL AS HER MENTOR, JIM CARSON, AND HER
8 FORMER PROBATION OFFICER, TARIKA WOOLFORD. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG
9 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SOMEBODY OUGHT TO
10 SAY IT TAKES A VILLAGE. AND SO OREE IS A REMARKABLE YOUNG
11 WOMAN WHOSE FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH THE COUNTY PROBATION SYSTEM
12 WAS AT THE TENDER AGE OF 12. ALWAYS RESOURCEFUL AND INVENTIVE
13 AS A TEENAGER, SHE AND HER PEERS CREATED A FULL-LENGTH
14 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION CALLED "IN HER HEELS," WHICH CANDIDLY
15 AND POIGNANTLY EXPLAIN HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO THE STAFF AND
16 ADMINISTRATORS AT HER GROUP HOME. TODAY, SHE IS A SOUGHT-AFTER
17 TRAINER AND SPEAKER ON TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION,
18 WHO HAS REACHED MORE THAN 12,000 PEOPLE. I DID SAY 12,000,
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.] WELL, SHE'S NOT STOPPING
20 THERE. SHE PLANS TO EARN A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
21 PSYCHOLOGY TO FURTHER HER KNOWLEDGE AND ADVANCE HER WORK IN
22 ADDRESSING AND MITIGATING THE TRAUMATIC EFFECTS OF
23 EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE. OF ALL HER ACHIEVEMENTS, SHE IS
24 PROUDEST OF BEING A MOTHER AND BEING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST-
25 EVER STATE OF CALIFORNIA SURVIVOR ADVOCACY OR ADVISORY BOARD.

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1 AND SO, OREE FREEMAN, WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU, AND THANK
2 YOU FOR BRINGING YOUR ENERGY, YOUR EXPERTISE, YOUR
3 INTELLIGENCE, YOUR BEING TO THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN
4 TRAFFICKING. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SPEAKER:** I'M A LITTLE SHORT. SORRY. THANK YOU, EVERYONE, AND
7 ALL THE AGENCIES. IT'S A TRUE HONOR TO BE UP HERE. IF I JUST
8 THINK BACK ON WHERE I WAS AT 12 YEARS OLD, IT'S COME A FULL
9 CIRCLE, WHERE I'M AT IN MY LIFE NOW. BUT I COULDN'T HAVE DONE
10 THAT WITHOUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE, THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN
11 THE AUDIENCE. IT DOES TAKE A VILLAGE. WE HAVE A LOT MUCH MORE
12 TO DO. AS WE ALL GO HOME TODAY, CHILDREN WILL BE EXPLOITED.
13 THEY'LL BE EXPLOITED TONIGHT. BUT THEY HAVE A CHANCE BECAUSE
14 OF THE PEOPLE AND ALL OF THE PASSION AND THE LOVE THAT YOU ALL
15 FIERCELY GIVE, AND THAT I RECEIVED. AND I CAN'T THANK
16 PROBATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES ENOUGH FOR GIVING ME HOPE
17 WHEN I HAD NONE, FOR GIVING ME A NEW CHANCE, AND BEING THERE
18 CONSISTENTLY. AND I COULDN'T THANK MY JOB MORE ENOUGH THAN TO
19 GIVING ME A VOICE AND BEING ABLE TO LEAD AND BE ABLE TO WORK
20 WITH THE YOUTH WHERE I USED TO BE PLACED AT. SO THANK YOU.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TERRI
25 MCDONALD AND SHEILA MITCHELL ARE HERE, I TAKE NOTE. AND I WANT

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1 TO ALWAYS BE REMINDED OF MICHELLE GUYMON AND HER LEADERSHIP.
2 WERE IT NOT FOR MICHELLE-- WHERE IS MICHELLE? [APPLAUSE.]
3 THERE SHE IS. THERE SHE IS. WERE IT NOT FOR HER-- SHE'S A
4 PIONEER, AND BROUGHT THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE
5 FOREFRONT OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. THE
6 D.C.F.S. IN COLLABORATION WITH PROBATION, WE ARE DOING GREAT
7 THINGS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THESE ARE NOT VICTIMS. THEY ARE
8 SURVIVORS, AND THEY SET AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. MAY WE JOIN YOU? SUPERVISORS, LET'S
11 JOIN OUR COLLEAGUE FOR A PHOTO OP.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
14 THAT VERY INSPIRING PRESENTATION, AND FOR HIGHLIGHTING HUMAN
15 TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH. WE CONGRATULATE THE WOMEN WHO
16 HAVE RISEN ABOVE THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES TO INDEED BE NOT ONLY
17 JUST SURVIVORS, BUT REALLY THRIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE
18 THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE AN EXECUTIVE
19 PRIVILEGE TO SAY THAT THE Y.W.C.A. IN SAN PEDRO, ON MARCH
20 29TH AND 30TH, WILL BE HOLDING FOR THE FIRST TIME A HUMAN
21 TRAFFICKING FILM FESTIVAL TO ALSO HIGHLIGHT THIS PROGRAM. SO
22 IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, CALL THE Y.W.C.A. IN SAN PEDRO. THANK
23 YOU. AND NOW I WILL JOIN SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN A VERY IMPORTANT
24 PRESENTATION.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A WRAP-UP ON THAT. I DON'T KNOW THAT
2 IT COULD BE A BETTER OCCASION ON WHICH WE DECLARE OURSELVES
3 AGAINST VIOLENCE AND FOR HUMAN DIGNITY THAN ON THE 90TH
4 ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
5 TODAY. AND SO IT'S QUITE FITTING THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING A NEW
6 OPPORTUNITY FOR HOPE AND DIGNITY FOR THESE YOUNG WOMEN. THANK
7 YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. CARRYING THROUGH THE THEME OF PEOPLE
12 WHO STAND UP AND NOT JUST STAND BY, AS WE HEARD IN THE
13 INVOCATION, I JUST WANT TO SAY WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, FOR ME,
14 GOING TO THE LIBRARY WAS REALLY EXCITING AND AMAZING, AND I
15 WAS STUNNED TO FIND OUT THAT NOT EVERYBODY FELT THAT WAY. THEY
16 THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF NERDY AND UNCOOL TO GO TO THE LIBRARY.
17 BUT OUR L.A. COUNTY HEAD LIBRARIAN, SKYE PATRICK, IS THE QUEEN
18 OF COOL. [APPLAUSE.] CHECK IT OUT. SHE'S DONE A WHOLE LOT TO
19 MAKE OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES REALLY COOL, AS WELL. AND AS YOU
20 PROBABLY KNOW, THE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE LARGEST
21 IN THE COUNTRY. SKYE HAS MADE IT HER MISSION TO INCREASE
22 ACCESS TO LIBRARIES BY INTRODUCING THE I COUNT EQUITY
23 INITIATIVE, WHICH ENSURES THAT THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY MAKES A
24 CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO DESIGN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS
25 THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. SHE ALSO LAUNCHED

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1 "THE GREAT READ AWAY," THE LIBRARY'S DEBT ERASURE PROGRAM. GOT
2 A BOOK YOU FORGOT TO RETURN, LIKE, FOR 20 YEARS? THEN YOU
3 RACKED UP WALLOPING FINES. BECAUSE OF SKYE PATRICK, LIBRARY
4 PATRONS COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FINE FORGIVENESS MONTH. AND
5 FOR THOSE LIBRARY PATRONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21, THEY COULD
6 LITERALLY "READ AWAY" THEIR DEBT. THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ, THE
7 LESS YOU OWED, UNTIL IT WAS DOWN TO ZERO. [APPLAUSE.] PRETTY
8 COOL. SKYE PATRICK HAS MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS ON HER MISSION
9 TO MAKE OUR 87 LIBRARIES RELEVANT TO MILLIONS OF VISITORS, SO
10 IT'S NO WONDER THAT HER REPUTATION HAS SPREAD WELL BEYOND L.A.
11 JUST RECENTLY, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE COVER OF THIS MAGAZINE,
12 SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR BY "LIBRARY
13 JOURNAL." [APPLAUSE.] AND IT'S NOT JUST A MAGAZINE. THIS IS
14 THE HIGHEST HONOR THAT A LIBRARIAN IS GIVEN IN THE COUNTRY.
15 AND YOU CAN SEE SHE TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF IT BY BEING EXACTLY
16 WHO SHE IS, GRACING THE COVER WEARING BLACK, HEAD TO TOE, A
17 SPLASHY PURPLE SCARF AROUND HER NECK, LEANING ON A MOTORCYCLE.
18 OKAY, THAT IS PRETTY COOL IN MY BOOK. SO LET ME TURN IT OVER
19 TO OUR CHAIR TO SAY A FEW ADDITIONAL WORDS, BECAUSE WE ALL
20 LOVE SKYE. MADAM CHAIR?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISOR OF COOL, KUEHL.
23 THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, IT'S GREAT RIGHT NOW. WE'RE IN
24 THE MIDST OF AWARD SEASON IN L.A., OR IN THE COUNTRY. WE'VE
25 GOT THE GOLDEN GLOBES. WE HAVE THE CRITICS' CHOICE. WE'LL BE

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1 HAVING THE ACADEMY AWARDS SOON. SO IT'S VERY EXCITING THAT THE
2 LIBRARY JOURNAL NAMED SKYE PATRICK THE LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR.
3 DIDN'T GET QUITE THE PRESS THAT THE ACADEMY AWARDS DID, BUT IT
4 SHOULD, BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE AWARD. AND THEY
5 CONFIRMED WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW: THAT WE HAVE THE MOST
6 INNOVATIVE, FORWARD-THINKING AND, YES, COOL LIBRARIAN IN THE
7 NATION. LET'S GIVE SKYE PATRICK ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
8 [APPLAUSE.] BUT I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL ALLUDED TO THE FACT
9 THAT THE COOLEST THING ABOUT SKYE PATRICK ISN'T HER
10 MOTORCYCLE; IT'S HER COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATING BARRIERS WHICH
11 HAVE FOR TOO LONG PREVENTED LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS FROM TAKING
12 FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY SERVICES THAT OUR LIBRARIES OFFER.
13 SHE'S REALLY BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM, WHILE
14 ALWAYS STAYING TRUE TO OUR CORE MISSION. SHE HAS EXPANDED THE
15 HOURS OF OUR LIBRARIES. SHE'S EXPANDED OUR EARLY LITERACY AND
16 OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS. AND I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE
17 PROGRAM THAT SHE ESTABLISHED WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN LEARN HOW
18 TO D.J. FOR FREE AT OUR LIBRARIES, GIVING THEM SOMETHING
19 WONDERFUL TO DO, AND LAUNCHING SOME OF THEM INTO THEIR OWN
20 CAREERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES. SO GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF
21 APPLAUSE FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE.] YOU REALLY MAKE US PROUD, SKYE.
22 WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU IN THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM. AND
23 YOU ARE REALLY LETTING A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF PEOPLE
24 UNDERSTAND HOW LIBRARIES REALLY ARE COOL, AND A PLACE FOR ALL
25 TO THRIVE. SO THANK YOU. WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, SKYE, I HAD THE HONOR OF
5 BEING OUT IN QUARTZ HILL AT OUR LIBRARY YESTERDAY, WHERE WE
6 READ "I HAVE A DREAM" TO A BUNCH OF YOUNG CHILDREN THAT CAME
7 INTO THE LIBRARY, AND I LOVE THE FACT THAT OUR SLOGAN IS
8 "CURIOSITY WELCOME." AND I SAW IT FIRSTHAND YESTERDAY. IT WAS
9 WITH OPEN ARMS. OUR STAFF OUT AT THE QUARTZ HILL LIBRARY
10 WELCOMED ALL THE YOUNG CHILDREN INTO THE LIBRARY, AND NOTHING
11 WAS OFF LIMITS. AND I WATCHED YOU, AND IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO
12 HAVE YOU AS PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. AND GETTING THIS AWARD,
13 WE KNEW THAT YOU ARE THE LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE WE SEE
14 IT EACH AND EVERY DAY. YOU TALK ABOUT THE D.J. PROGRAM THAT WE
15 PUT INTO PLAY. YOU KNOW, YOU BROUGHT US INTO THE DIGITAL AGE.
16 AND MANY WERE KIND OF FIGHTING THAT THINKING THAT WAS GOING TO
17 MAKE LIBRARIES NO LONGER RELEVANT, AND IT ACTUALLY IS REALLY
18 CONTRARY TO WHAT WE ALL THOUGHT, AND IT'S MADE IT EVEN MORE
19 RELEVANT, AS IT RELATES TO THE NEXT GENERATION THAT ARE USING
20 OUR LIBRARIES. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU NOT ONLY FOR COMING OUT
21 YESTERDAY AND READING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S "I HAVE A
22 DREAM" SPEECH TO THESE CHILDREN, BECAUSE WE ARE PLANTING A
23 SEED FOR THE NEXT GENERATION, BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
24 REALLY EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR

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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FOR OUR LIBRARIES. IT IS AN HONOR TO
2 HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR TEAM, SO CONGRATULATIONS.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, A LOT'S ALREADY BEEN SAID, BUT I DO WANT TO
7 CONGRATULATE YOU, SKYE, BECAUSE WHAT YOU DID FOR OUR
8 COMMUNITIES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT-- AND WE HAVE A LOT OF
9 LIBRARIES; I THINK ONE OF THE FEW DISTRICTS THAT HAS AN
10 OVERWHELMING NUMBER. BUT YOU OPENED UP THE FACILITIES, AND YOU
11 ALSO WENT AS FAR AS TO CHALLENGE EACH BOARD OFFICE. SO I'M
12 HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE TWO MAKMO TRUCKS. AND IF YOU
13 DON'T KNOW WHAT A MAKMO TRUCK IS, OH, BOY. YOU THINK THE
14 MOTORCYCLE'S COOL? YOU NEED TO SEE THE MAKMO. IT'S NOT A
15 TRUCK; IT'S A VAN. AND WHAT THEY PREACH IS S.T.E.M.: SCIENCE,
16 TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING-- SCIENCE, MATH, AND ARTS, AND ALL THE
17 GOOD THINGS. AND I AM JUST SO IN LOVE WITH THAT PROGRAM,
18 BECAUSE EVERYWHERE I GO, I SEE OUR KIDS AND THE PARENTS JUST
19 LIGHT UP. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU REALLY TOOK US TO ANOTHER
20 LEVEL WITH CITIZENSHIP CLASSES, BOTH FOR THE IMMIGRANT
21 COMMUNITIES-- AND I MEAN ALL OF THEM-- AND THAT REALLY TOOK A
22 LOT, AND DURING A TIME WHEN WE FIRST STARTED HERE, SOME FOUR
23 YEARS AGO, THREE YEARS AGO, WHERE A LOT WAS GOING ON. PEOPLE
24 WERE HESITANT TO ENGAGE, AND THEY CAME OUT. SO THANK YOU,
25 BECAUSE LIBRARIES ARE SAFE HAVENS FOR A LOT OF OUR CHILDREN.

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1 AND I WAS ONE OF THOSE GEEKS, LATER ON IN LIFE, THAT SPENT
2 EIGHT HOURS READING AND READING, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ONLY
3 QUIET PLACE. WHEN YOU GROW UP WITH A HOUSEHOLD OF SEVEN KIDS,
4 YOU NEED QUIET TIME. AND THE LIBRARY, THE ONE IN WEST COVINA,
5 IS WHERE I WOULD PARK MYSELF. SO I SALUTE YOU, AND I SALUTE
6 ALL THE STAFF THAT WORK AND REPRESENT US IN THE LIBRARY
7 SYSTEM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M
12 DELIGHTED TO JOIN WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD IN SALUTING SKYE
13 PATRICK FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP TO DATE. I THINK IT'S
14 WORTH INDICATING THAT SHE'S AN INNOVATOR IN A CLASS OF HER
15 OWN. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE WORK THAT SHE'S DONE IN THE
16 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, MUCH LIKE WHAT'S HAPPENED IN
17 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, WE THINK ABOUT THE DIGI-CAMPS AT
18 COMPTON AND LENNOX, WHICH MOVED FORWARD WITH MICROSOFT, AND
19 SAID, "WE CAN MAKE LITERACY COOL, HIP, AND RELEVANT TO OUR
20 TIMES." AN IMPORTANT EFFORT IN THESE YOUNG MINDS, MIDDLE-
21 SCHOOL KIDS, WHO ARE TURNED ON, AND WE THANK SKYE FOR HER
22 INSIGHT. DIDN'T DEFINE IT, LIMIT IT, IN TERMS OF LIBRARIES
23 ALONE. SHE PUT HER IMAGINATION FORWARD WITH OTHER COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENTS. AND IN WILLOWBROOK, JUST ADJACENT TO THE MARTIN
25 LUTHER KING MEDICAL CAMPUS, WE HAVE A BRAND-NEW WILLOWBROOK

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1 LIBRARY DOUBLING THE FOOTPRINT, AND PUT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF
2 108 UNITS OF SENIOR HOUSING, THE FIRST OF ITS SORT IN THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ADDING NEW MEANING TO MIXED USE. AND
4 THEREFORE THE LIBRARY IS THINKING OUT OF THE BOX, AS IT WERE,
5 AND IT'S IN LARGE MEASURE BECAUSE SKYE PATRICK HAS BEEN WILLING
6 TO DO SO. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS IN VIEW PARK; WHAT WE HAVE NOW,
7 THE BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL VIEW PARK LIBRARY. AS MANY OF YOU MAY
8 KNOW, SHE MADE A VERY STRONG STAND IN TERMS OF STIGMA IN
9 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. BEBE, SHE DIED VERY EARLY AS A PERSON
10 WHO SUFFERED FROM BRAIN CANCER. WE'RE ALL STILL SADDENED BY
11 IT. SHE WROTE SEVERAL BESTSELLING BOOKS. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF
12 THAT COMMUNITY, AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WANTED TO CELEBRATE
13 THE FACT THAT SHE LIVED THERE, MADE HER CONTRIBUTION TO THAT
14 NEIGHBORHOOD, AND PUSHED FAR ON THE QUESTION OF MENTAL HEALTH.
15 AND SKYE PATRICK PUT HER SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL AND MADE SURE
16 THAT THAT'S A FIRST-RATE, ARTISTICALLY, AND AESTHETICALLY
17 PRESENTED VENUE FOR LEARNERS AND ARTISTS AND THE RANGE OF
18 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AT A 21ST -CENTURY
19 LIBRARY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND HAVE YOUR SELF-
20 ESTEEM RAISED, AND DO IT IN A WAY THAT CAN BE CELEBRATED BY
21 ALL. SO WE GIVE YOU A BIG SHOUTOUT, SKYE, FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE
22 AND WHAT WE EXPECT YOU WILL DO WELL INTO THE FUTURE. A BIG
23 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR SKYE PATRICK. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT IT'S OFTEN OVERLOOKED, THE SAFETY,
2 THE QUIET, THE COMMUNITY, THE ABILITY FOR EVERYONE TO BE
3 WELCOME IN A PLACE THAT CONTAINS ALL OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE
4 WORLD. AND I JUST FINISHED READING "THE LIBRARY BOOK," BY
5 SUSAN ORLEAN, WHICH IS ABOUT THE FIRE AT THE L.A. CITY LIBRARY
6 DOWNTOWN. BUT IT REALLY IS A LOVE LETTER, IN ITS OWN WAY, TO
7 LIBRARIES, AND IT GIVES YOU MUCH, MUCH DEEPER UNDERSTANDING;
8 BUT PRIMARILY ABOUT LEADERSHIP, ABOUT HOW NOTHING REALLY
9 HAPPENS WITHOUT VISIONARY LEADERSHIP. SO I'M VERY PLEASED THAT
10 WE'RE HONORING TODAY A VISIONARY LEADER, SKYE PATRICK.

11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SKYE PATRICK:** THEY HAVE SAID EVERYTHING. I JUST WANT TO SAY
14 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN INTERESTING
15 THING. YOU CAN BE AS CREATIVE OR INNOVATIVE, AND IT DOESN'T
16 MATTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE SUPPORT. AND SO I HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED
17 IN THIS LAST THREE YEARS BY THIS BOARD. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO
18 YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, BECAUSE I
19 COULD DO NOTHING WITHOUT YOU. SECONDLY, AND MAYBE EVEN MORE
20 IMPORTANTLY, I COULD DO NOTHING WITHOUT THIS TEAM. AND WE HAVE
21 A SLEW OF LIBRARY FOLKS OUT THERE. I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED
22 TO CLAP, BUT AT LEAST LET US SEE YOU. THEY SAID YOU CAN CLAP.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CLAP ANYWAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SKYE PATRICK:** I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH THE MOST
2 INCREDIBLE LIBRARY STAFF IN THE COUNTRY. I HAVE BEEN AROUND,
3 AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THERE IS NO LIBRARY STAFF LIKE THE ONE
4 I HAVE. AND SO I CAN HAVE ALL THE VISIONS AND THE DREAMS THAT
5 I WANT, BUT IF I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO EXECUTE IT, IT MEANS
6 NOTHING. SO THANK YOU TO THE STAFF. THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT
7 OF OUR FOUNDATION. I THINK WE HAVE TWO MEMBERS BACK HERE. WE
8 HAVE... CAN'T SEE YOU. JOANNE, WE HAVE BACK THERE, AND WE HAVE
9 DAVE FORD. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

10 [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO THANK THE LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR
11 SUPPORTING THE VISION OF THIS LIBRARY SYSTEM. EVERYTHING THAT
12 WE'VE ACHIEVED, THEY'VE ALREADY SAID IT, SO I DON'T HAVE TO
13 REPEAT IT. JUST KNOW THAT LIBRARIES MATTER. LIBRARIES MATTER
14 IN PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE
15 TRAJECTORY OF PEOPLE'S LIVES. THERE'S VERY FEW OF US OUT
16 THERE. WE ARE THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY. AND SO I JUST WANT TO SAY
17 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW... YES, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
20 AND I'M GOING TO JOIN YOU ON THIS ONE.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN IS COMING DOWN. OKAY. PART OF
23 WHAT MAKES LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO SPECIAL IS OUR INCREDIBLE
24 DIVERSITY AND RICH CULTURAL TRADITIONS. TODAY I AM EXCITED TO
25 CELEBRATE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY, TO HONOR THE INCREDIBLE WORK

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1 KOREAN AMERICANS CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES,
2 SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES AS A WHOLE. TO BEGIN
3 THE CELEBRATION, I'M HAPPY TO START US OFF WITH A SPECIAL
4 PERFORMANCE. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO OVER HERE.

5 [DRUMMING.] [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** WOW, THAT WAS INCREDIBLE. LET'S GIVE ANOTHER
8 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THE CHANG WU DANCERS FOR THAT WONDERFUL
9 INTRODUCTION. IN ADDITION TO THESE AMAZING DANCERS, I'M JOINED
10 TODAY BY DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL OF KOREA IN LOS ANGELES, MR.
11 INSANG HWANG... RIGHT HERE; PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN
12 FOUNDATION IN LOS ANGELES, MR. BIAMAM LEE; AS WELL AS
13 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL PRESERVATION
14 COMMITTEE. WE TRULY HAVE A STRONG REPRESENTATION OF KOREAN
15 AMERICANS IN SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT L.A.
16 COUNTY. THERE ARE AROUND 2 MILLION KOREAN AMERICANS LIVING
17 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE MORE THAN A
18 QUARTER OF A MILLION HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS KOREAN
19 AMERICAN DAY, WE CELEBRATE 116 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST PEOPLE
20 IMMIGRATED FROM KOREA TO HAWAII IN 1903. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
21 AMERICA AND SOUTH KOREA FIRST BEGAN IN 1882, WHEN THE UNITED
22 STATES AND KOREA SIGNED A TREATY OF ESTABLISHING A
23 RELATIONSHIP, AND EMPHASIZING PEACE, FRIENDSHIP, AND COMMERCE.
24 KOREAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE A MEANINGFUL INFLUENCE ON OUR
25 BUSINESSES, THE ECONOMY, ART, MUSIC, AND ON SCIENCE. AMONG

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1 THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS, KOREAN AMERICANS INNOVATED THE FIRST
2 BEATING-HEART OPERATION FOR CORONARY ARTERY HEART DISEASE,
3 DEVELOPED THE NECTARINE, WHICH I LIKE, HAVE EARNED OLYMPIC
4 GOLD MEDALS, AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENGINEERING,
5 ARCHITECTURE, MEDICINE, ATHLETICS, AND THE ARTS. MANY MEMBERS
6 OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ALSO SERVE NOBLY IN THE
7 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, BEGINNING IN WORLD WAR I. I WANT
8 TO THANK ALL OF THE KOREAN AMERICANS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, BOTH
9 PAST AND PRESENT, FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.
10 WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL FOR THE PROFOUND IMPACT EACH OF YOU HAVE
11 HAD ON AMERICA OVER THE LAST 116 YEARS. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO
12 INVITE THE CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO
13 INTRODUCE HER SPECIAL GUEST FROM THE KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL
14 PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN HAHN?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INVITING
17 ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS DURING THIS PRESENTATION IN HONOR OF
18 KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. AS YOU SAID, THIS DAY TAKES PLACE ON
19 JANUARY 13TH BECAUSE-- ALTHOUGH TODAY'S THE 15TH, BUT IT'S ON
20 THE 13TH BECAUSE IN 1902, 102 KOREAN IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN
21 HAWAII, READY TO START A NEW LIFE, AND THEY WERE THE FIRST
22 WAVE OF WHAT WE NOW CALL KOREAN AMERICANS. AND SINCE 1902,
23 KOREAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE LASTING AND HISTORIC AND IMPORTANT
24 CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTH OUR COUNTY, AND CERTAINLY TO OUR
25 COUNTRY. ONE SUCH RESIDENT IS MY TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY, YOUNG-

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1 GI KIM HARABEDIAN. WHERE IS YOUNG-GI. YOUNG-GI. SHE WAS BORN
2 IN KOREA, BUT MOVED TO L.A. COUNTY AS A TEENAGER, LEARNING
3 ENGLISH AT AN L.A.U.S.C. SCHOOL, EARNING A B.A. AT U.C.L.A.,
4 BEFORE WORKING FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE GREAT
5 COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, AND NOW SHE WORKS FOR THE COUNTY OF
6 LOS ANGELES. SHE IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. I
7 THINK SHE SPEAKS FIVE LANGUAGES NOW. AND I KNOW HER COMMITMENT
8 TO HER FAMILY AND TO HER COMMUNITY REFLECT THE VALUES THAT SO
9 MANY KOREAN AMERICANS HOLD DEAR. THE KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL,
10 WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE THAT IN SAN PEDRO. IN 1976, THE PEOPLE
11 OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DONATED THIS FRIENDSHIP BELL IN HONOR
12 OF OUR BICENTENNIAL, 1976, HERE IN THIS COUNTRY, AND IT SERVES
13 AS A TRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS OF THE KOREAN WAR, AND A SYMBOL
14 OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN SOUTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.
15 IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BELL. IT SYMBOLIZES OUR NATION'S CULTURE AND
16 DIVERSITY. IT RINGS FOUR TIMES A YEAR... NOW FIVE. OKAY. IT
17 RINGS JULY 4TH, FOR OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY; IT RINGS SEPTEMBER
18 4TH, FOR OUR CONSTITUTION DAY; IT RINGS AUGUST 15TH, FOR THE
19 KOREAN INDEPENDENCE DAY; AND NEW YEAR'S EVE, WE RING IT. AND
20 WE HAVE ANOTHER DAY. KOREAN AMERICAN DAY, OF COURSE. AND EVERY
21 ONCE IN A WHILE, WE GET SPECIAL DISPENSATION FROM THE KOREAN
22 FRIENDSHIP BELL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE TO RING IT ON OTHER
23 OCCASIONS. ONE WAS ACTUALLY WHEN I WAS INAUGURATED AS A
24 COUNCILWOMAN IN 2001. THEY LET ME RING THE BELL. AND JUST
25 RECENTLY, WE INVITED RESIDENTS, INCLUDING LOCAL LEADERS OF THE

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1 KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, TO JOIN US IN RINGING THE BELL IN
2 ANTICIPATION OF THE PEACE TALKS THAT ARE NOW HAPPENING,
3 UNPRECEDENTED, BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. AND EVERY TIME
4 WE RING THAT BELL, NO MATTER WHAT THE OCCASION IS, WE DO ONE
5 FINAL BELL IN HOPES OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN
6 PENINSULA. AND TODAY ERNEST LEE IS WITH US, WHO IS EXECUTIVE
7 DIRECTOR OF THE KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE,
8 AND THIS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RAISING FUNDS SINCE 1976 TO KEEP
9 THAT BELL PRESERVED. AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, IT HAS TO GET
10 REPAINTED BECAUSE IT SITS THERE, RIGHT OVERLOOKING OUR
11 BEAUTIFUL PACIFIC OCEAN, SO OF COURSE IT HAS SOME WEAR AND
12 TEAR. BUT IT IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SYMBOL OF THE FRIENDSHIP
13 BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. AND I DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE YOU'RE
14 HAVING SPEAK, BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR ERNEST TO SAY A FEW WORDS.
15 WHY DON'T WE HAVE THE CONSUL GENERAL FIRST? HE OUTRANKS YOU.
16 AND THEN WE'LL LET YOU SAY A FEW WORDS, AS WELL.

17

18 **HON. INSANG HWANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] GOOD
19 MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, I'D LIKE TO THANK
20 L.A. COUNTY FOR ADOPTING THIS WONDERFUL PROCLAMATION TO
21 RECOGNIZE KOREAN AMERICANS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED STATES.
22 EVER SINCE KOREAN IMMIGRANTS' FIRST ARRIVAL IN 1903, THEY
23 FACED ENORMOUS CHALLENGES, BUT THEY OVERCAME AND HAD TO
24 CONVERT IMMIGRANT AREAS INTO PROSPERING COMMUNITIES BY
25 BRINGING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, CULTURAL

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1 DIVERSITY, AND EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT. NOWADAYS, WE ARE
2 VERY FORTUNATE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. I THINK ALL THE
3 CREDIT SHOULD GO TO THE STRONG U.S.-KOREAN PARTNERSHIP AND
4 ALLIANCE. AND TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
5 KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR ITS CRUCIAL ROLE IN A STRONG
6 U.S.-KOREAN PARTNERSHIP. ALSO, MY THANKS ALSO GO TO THE L.A.
7 COUNTY, BECAUSE, I MEAN, THEY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THE
8 PYEONGCHANG OLYMPIC GAMES AS A PEACE OLYMPICS, AND OPENED A
9 WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND
10 SOUTH KOREA, AND THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA. THANK YOU.
11 THANK YOU AGAIN, AND I WISH YOU HAPPY NEW YEAR. THANK YOU VERY
12 MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, ERNEST, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SAY A FEW
15 WORDS.

16

17 **ERNEST LEE:** GOOD MORNING. NOW THAT YOU'RE THOROUGHLY AWAKENED
18 BY THE BEAUTIFUL DRUM PERFORMANCE, I WANT TO THANK THE
19 HONORABLE MADAM CHAIR AND THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS FOR
20 HOLDING THIS VERY SPECIAL CEREMONY ON BEHALF OF THE KOREAN
21 AMERICANS EVERYWHERE. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT MENTION
22 THE 32 OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WORK WITH ME TO RAISE THE
23 AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO PRESERVE THE KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL, A
24 LASTING SYMBOL OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. AND
25 NONE OF US CAN CHOOSE WHEN WE ARE BORN, OR WHERE WE ARE BORN,

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1 OR TO WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES. WE NEVER KNOW WHEN WE'RE GOING TO
2 DIE. BUT FRIENDS ARE ONE OF THOSE CHOICES THAT WE MAKE, AND
3 CAN MAKE THE GREATEST DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES. AND THE
4 FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES IS ONE THAT WAS
5 JUST FORGED, BUT ALSO TESTED BY HISTORY AND TIME. SO I ALSO
6 WANT TO THANK NOT ONLY THE 102 KOREAN AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS WHO
7 ARRIVED HERE IN HOPES OF A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND
8 FOR THEIR CHILDREN, BUT I ALSO WANT TO REMEMBER THE 34,000
9 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES GOING AND DEFENDING
10 THE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY FOR PEOPLE THEY HAVE NEVER MET. AND
11 THAT WAS THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA, AND THAT IS THE GREATNESS
12 OF AMERICA THAT WE HOPE TO PRESERVE FOR OUR FUTURE
13 GENERATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SPEAKER:** TODAY'S MY SECOND YEAR OF STANDING HERE. I WISH I
16 COULD STAND HERE FOREVER. LONG STORY SHORT, 1903, 102 KOREAN
17 IMMIGRANTS START, UNTIL 1905, 7,000 OF KOREAN IMMIGRANTS START
18 FROM HAWAII. MOST OF THEM START WORKING FROM SUGAR CANE FIELD
19 IN HAWAII. TODAY, WE HAVE MANY BUSINESS OWNERS, AND WE ARE
20 HELPING L.A. COUNTY TO BUILD UP AS MUCH AS WE COULD. AND I
21 REALLY THANKS TO KATHRYN AND FIVE SUPERVISORS LAST YEAR. THEY
22 HAVE BEEN GATHERING WITH US PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPICS. AND
23 BECAUSE OF THAT, KOREA PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPICS HAS BEEN A
24 SUCCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND TODAY, THIS MORNING, THERE'S
25 A LOT OF KOREAN COMMUNITY LEADERS CAME HERE. I'D LIKE TO

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1 INVITE THEM TOGETHER: KUKI VA AND HUNG GI ONG. THEY ARE ALL
2 KOREAN LEADERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY. THEY CAME HERE TOGETHER.
3 PLEASE GIVE A HAND TO THEM. I APPRECIATE IT, AND I WILL SEE
4 YOU NEXT YEAR AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT EVERYONE TO REFRAIN FROM CLAPPING TILL
7 WE'RE DONE SO THE CATS DO NOT GET CRAZY, BUT WE ARE DOING A
8 TWO-FOR-ONE TODAY. NORMALLY, EACH WEEK I PUT UP ANIMALS FOR
9 ADOPTION, BUT TODAY WE HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL KITTENS THAT WE
10 ARE PUTTING UP. HI, TAMARA. TODAY I'M EXCITED TO CELEBRATE ONE
11 OF OUR CUTEST COUNTY PROGRAMS. WITH THE HELP OF MANY OF OUR
12 DEPARTMENTS, WE ARE PROUD TO HONOR THE COMPASSIONATE WORK OF
13 THE KITTEN ACADEMY. THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY ALLOWS YOUNG WOMEN
14 AT CAMP SCOTT IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY TO FOSTER KITTENS IN
15 PREPARATION FOR ADOPTION. THIS GIVES THE GIRLS ON PROBATION
16 THE CHANCE TO LEARN MEANINGFUL LESSONS ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY,
17 WHILE ALSO HAVING A LOT OF FUN DOING IT. IT IS AS MUCH OF A
18 GROWING EXPERIENCE FOR THE WOMEN AS IT IS FOR THE KITTENS, AS
19 YOU CAN SEE. AS THE KITTENS GROW, THE YOUNG WOMEN ARE ABLE TO
20 THRIVE EMPATHETICALLY AND REHABILITATE EMOTIONALLY. AND THE
21 PROGRAM RECENTLY CELEBRATED ITS FIRST GRADUATING CLASS. THE
22 CLASS OF KITTENS HAS SINCE BEEN ADOPTED, SO THE WOMEN MARKED
23 THE OCCASION WITH A SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE END OF
24 LAST YEAR, COMPLETE WITH ALL THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE THAT
25 THE KITTENS AND LADIES DESERVE, WHICH I LOVE. WE ARE LOOKING

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1 FORWARD TO WELCOMING ANOTHER CLASS OF KITTENS TO CAMP SCOTT.
2 THIS CREATIVE PROGRAM HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT REALLY
3 IS A TEAM EFFORT. THE PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, MARCIA MAYEDA HERE TO MY RIGHT,
5 PROBATION, WITH OUR WONDERFUL PROBATION DIRECTOR HERE, TERRI
6 MCDONALD, MENTAL HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND
7 JUVENILE COURT, AND HEALTH SERVICES. TO SPEAK A LITTLE MORE
8 ABOUT THE COLLABORATION, I'D LIKE TO INVITE ANIMAL CARE AND
9 CONTROL DIRECTOR MARCIA MAYEDA AND THE PROBATION DIRECTOR
10 CHARMAINE FRANKLIN TO SAY A FEW WORDS. OR WHO'S GOING TO SPEAK
11 FOR YOU? OKAY. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. AND I WANT YOU ALL TO
12 RAISE THE ROOF INSTEAD OF CLAP, SO THAT THE CATS DO NOT RUN
13 AWAY. BUT THANK YOU TO ALL THE GIRLS AND THE KITTENS FOR
14 MAKING THIS PROGRAM SUCH A SUCCESS. SO WITH THAT, MARSHA? AND
15 WE'VE GOT WINTER AND NIGHT. WINTER IS WITH TERRI, AND NIGHT IS
16 HERE. BOTH ARE THREE MONTHS OLD. HI, BABY.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO THANK
19 TERRI MCDONALD AND THE PROBATION STAFF FOR PARTNERING WITH US
20 ON THIS REALLY EXCITING PROGRAM. IT'S REALLY, REALLY
21 REWARDING. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SAVE KITTENS' LIVES, AS WELL AS
22 TEACHING THE WOMEN AT THE PROBATION CAMP ADDITIONAL SKILLS
23 REGARDING NURTURING AND CAREGIVING FOR ANIMALS. MAYBE THEY'LL
24 FIND A CAREER IN ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE FUTURE. ANYWAY, WE'RE
25 JUST REALLY THRILLED WITH THIS PROGRAM. IT CAN BE REPLICATED

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1 AT OTHER AGENCIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A
2 LOT MORE SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. SO, IT REALLY IS A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE
5 TO BE HERE AMONGST THIS GREAT TEAM. THE KITTEN ACADEMY IS
6 UNLIKE ANY PROGRAM YOU'VE SEEN, BECAUSE IT WAS CREATED BY OUR
7 GIRLS, FOR OUR GIRLS, WITH OUR GIRLS, AND IT IS ONE OF OUR
8 BEST PROGRAMS YET. YOU KNOW, DIRECTOR FRANKLIN IS NOT HERE,
9 BECAUSE SHE'S ON JURY DUTY, BUT I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT
10 ESPECIALLY TO TWO OF OUR PROBATION OFFICERS, MS. BENDER, WHO
11 IS A LINCHPIN FOR THIS PROGRAM. WHEN I ASKED HER A LITTLE
12 WHILE AGO WHAT SHE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, SHE SAID, "IT'S
13 A GOOD PROGRAM." AND THEN HER FACE JUST LIT UP, AND SHE SAID,
14 "NO, IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM." AND THEN MISS MERCED, WHO IS ALSO
15 THE COORDINATION OF THIS PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE
16 A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, CHIEF MCDONALD HAD A BUNCH OF
17 ADMINISTRATORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT WERE INTERESTED IN
18 SOME OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE WERE DOING HERE IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, SO WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A LOT OF PRESENTATIONS.
20 AND THESE WERE ADMINISTRATORS. AND THE HIGHLIGHT FOR THEM, FOR
21 US, WAS KITTEN ACADEMY. SO WE'RE JUST SO, SO VERY PLEASED
22 ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND THE COLLABORATION THAT WE'VE HAD WITH
23 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, PUBLIC HEALTH, D.M.H., AND L.A.C.O.,
24 AND OUR CAMP SCOTT GIRLS JUST ABSOLUTELY ROCK. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND ALSO, FOR ANYONE OUT THERE THAT WANTS TO
2 ADOPT, WINTER AND NIGHT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. AGAIN,
3 THREE MONTHS OLD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT, FEEL FREE TO
4 EITHER CALL OUR OFFICE, 213-974-5555, OR REACH OUT TO ANIMAL
5 CARE AND CONTROL, I THINK, AND WE WILL SET YOU UP WITH THESE
6 INCREDIBLE LITTLE KITTENS, WHO ARE SO SWEET. SO WITH THAT, I
7 WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR DOING THIS. IT IS MAKING A
8 DIFFERENCE. AND WE'VE GOT A LOT OF ANIMALS THAT ARE UP FOR
9 ADOPTION, ESPECIALLY KITTENS, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO
10 GO ONLINE OR GO TO ONE OF OUR ANIMAL CARE SHELTERS TO LOOK FOR
11 ADOPTING AN ANIMAL. YOU WILL NEVER REGRET IT. SO THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. YOU COMBINED
15 BOTH OF THEM. THAT WAS OUR PET ADOPTION PROGRAM. SO THAT
16 CONCLUDES ALL THE PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
17 PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
20 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
22 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
23 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
24 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
25 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,

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1 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
2 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
3 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
4 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
5 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
6 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
7 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
8 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
9 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
10 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
11 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
12 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
13 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
14 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
15 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
16 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
17 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
18 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
19 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
20 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
21 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
22 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
23 COOPERATION.
24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. LET ME TELL EVERYONE WHAT
2 OUR PLAN IS, AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS MEETING. SO, WE'RE
3 GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 22-B, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
4 RELATED ITEMS 1-D, 1-H, AND 5, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP
5 ITEMS 2, 21, AND THEN FINALLY ITEM 22-A. AND AS OUR EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER SAID IN THE BEGINNING, ITEM 25 WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER
7 OUR CLOSED SESSION. SO LET'S GO TO ITEM 22-B, WHICH WAS HELD
8 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
9 OPENING REMARKS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD, INDEED, MADAM CHAIR AND
12 COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS
13 FORWARD. THIS ITEM DEALS WITH MUCH-NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH
14 SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS BUILDS ON THE WORK THAT WE
16 HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. I CAN
17 RECALL, WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE BOARD, WE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL
18 INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, AND DR. FERRER WILL
19 SAY A BIT MORE ABOUT THAT, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE WILL DO,
20 PROSPECTIVELY. BUT THE POINT TO BE MADE HERE IS THAT WE HAVE
21 HAD A CHILD-CENTERED FOCUS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME. I
22 PUNCTUATE THE POINT BY SAYING SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
23 LEGISLATION THAT I AUTHORED WHILE IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND
24 STATE SENATE WAS IN THIS AREA OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.
25 IT WASN'T UNTIL I ARRIVED HERE A DECADE AGO THAT WE GOT A

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1 CHANCE TO ACTUALLY GET RESOURCES INTO SCHOOLS. IT SHOULD BE
2 APPRECIATED THAT MOST OF THE STUDENTS THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
3 THESE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, THESE WELLNESS CENTERS, ARE
4 SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND IT IS A CRITICALLY
5 IMPORTANT ASPECT OF IT. AND SO WHAT WE HOPE TO DO IS BE OF
6 HELP TO STUDENTS AND TO TEACHERS AS THEY WORK THROUGH THEIR
7 EVERYDAY TASK. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT IN ELEMENTARY
8 SCHOOLS, WHICH WAS NOT THE FOCUS OF OUR WORK UP TO THIS POINT,
9 AS IT WAS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS; MIDDLE
10 SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS. NOW WE CAN DO WORK FOR ELEMENTARY
11 SCHOOL STUDENTS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE
12 APPROXIMATELY ONE HEALTH PROVIDER PER WEEK FOR THESE
13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND L.A. UNIFIED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
14 COME FORWARD, BECAUSE WE CAN. AND I WANT TO PAUSE RIGHT HERE
15 AND ACKNOWLEDGE THIS BOARD FOR BEING WILLING TO COME FORWARD.
16 PREVIOUS BOARDS HAD A MINIMALIST PERSPECTIVE, A MORE NARROW
17 PERSPECTIVE, THAT ESSENTIALLY SAID THAT L.A.U.S.D.'S BUSINESS
18 IS L.A.U.S.D.'S BUSINESS; THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS IS OUR
19 BUSINESS. WELL, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY, THE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT
20 EMERGES HERE NOW IS THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
21 WELLBEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
22 SURELY THAT INCLUDES YOUNG PEOPLE, STUDENTS IN PARTICULAR. AND
23 SO TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN COLLABORATE, I THINK IT'S HIGHLY
24 APPROPRIATE THAT WE DO SO. SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN HAVE
25 OFFERED AMENDING LANGUAGE THAT I DEEM TO BE APPROPRIATE. I

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1 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS
2 MATTER. AND I WILL JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT THE LATE GREAT
3 CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA JORDAN ONCE SAID, "OFFICE HOLDERS
4 HAVE A MORAL IMPERATIVE TO BE EFFECTIVE." AND I THINK OUR
5 MOVING THIS AGENDA FORWARD AFFORDS US THAT OPPORTUNITY. I
6 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THESE PRELIMINARY
7 REMARKS. AND, MADAM CHAIR, WHEN YOU SAY THE SAME, WE SHOULD
8 HEAR FROM OUR COUNTY STAFF.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. LET'S
11 GO TO THE CO-AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS
15 MOTION. JUST YESTERDAY I WAS OUT AMONGST OUR TEACHERS, OUR
16 FACULTY, AS WELL AS STUDENTS, AND IT'S DISHEARTENING TO KNOW
17 THAT AT THIS TIME, IT IS A CRISIS. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT 500,000
18 CHILDREN THAT MAY NOT HAVE A PLACE TO GO AND ARE NOT TYPICALLY
19 TOLD RIGHT NOW, AT THIS STAGE, TO GO TO THE SCHOOL SITE FOR
20 WHATEVER REASON, WE NEED TO HAVE ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE THAT DO,
21 OR PLACES AND REFERRALS. SO I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENTS
22 FOR STEPPING UP, MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND ALL THE
23 HEALTH PROVIDERS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HELPING US, BECAUSE
24 I DO BELIEVE, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, IT'S NO LONGER
25 ABOUT L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SEPARATE ENTITY IN

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1 L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. WE SHARE THE
2 SAME FAMILIES. WE SHARE THE SAME DISEASES AND ILLNESSES. AND
3 AT THIS TIME, IT IS APPROPRIATE, AND I'M GLAD THAT WORKING
4 WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT HE WAS OPEN TO ALSO
5 LOOKING AT NURSES AND OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, BECAUSE THE
6 ESSENCE OF WHAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW IS THE FAILURE OF
7 HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GET AND RETAIN THE KINDS OF SERVICES
8 AT AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION. SO I AM VERY PROUD TO BE A
9 PART OF THIS. KNOW THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. AND I THINK THIS
10 PARTNERSHIP IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE. AND I
11 HAVE ANOTHER MOTION THAT I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT LATER, TO HELP
12 WITH BRIDGING SOME OF THE ASSISTANCE THAT WE NEED FOR OUR
13 FAMILIES AND FOR THESE YOUNGSTERS, AND OTHERS, THAT ARE IN
14 NEED OF OUR CARE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING
21 THIS MOTION FORWARD. LAST WEEK, I HAD A MEETING WITH PASADENA
22 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHO L.A.C.O. HAS BEEN CLOSELY
23 MONITORING AS IT RELATES TO THEIR FISCAL CONDITION, AND ONE OF
24 THE ISSUES THEY BROUGHT UP WAS THE COST OF PROVIDING MENTAL
25 HEALTH SERVICES. AND NOT ONLY THE COST, BUT ALSO THE ABILITY

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1 AND THE AVAILABILITY OF GETTING THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED. SO
2 L.A. UNIFIED IS THE LARGEST, BUT IT IS ONE OF 81 SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, I THINK IF EACH AND EVERY
4 ONE OF US WENT TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, EVEN THE SMALL ONES
5 ARE BEING IMPACTED BY THIS CHALLENGE. AND I EMBRACE THE COUNTY
6 STEPPING FORWARD AND WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR SCHOOL
7 DISTRICTS, WHICH, YOU KNOW, IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY AUTONOMOUS, BUT I THINK THEY
9 RECOGNIZE THEY CAN'T DO IT ON THEIR OWN, NOR SHOULD THEY HAVE
10 TO DO IT ON THEIR OWN. AND SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT IS
11 GOING TO COME FROM THIS. I THINK IT IS A NEW BEGINNING, AS IT
12 RELATES TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I MEAN, L.A.C.O. I'M SURE, IF
13 THEY WERE HERE TALKING, AS WELL, WOULD TELL YOU THEY HAVE
14 NEVER BEEN AS BUSY AS THEY ARE NOW, BECAUSE THIS IS IMPACTING
15 THE FISCAL INTEGRITY OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I MEAN, WHEN YOU
16 LOOK AT L.A. UNIFIED AND THE COSTS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH
17 THIS, AND THE REQUEST THAT'S BEING MADE BY THE UNION, IT'S
18 SOMETHING THAT MAKES SENSE. AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WOULD
19 ARGUE THAT IF WE DO NOT HAVE OUR CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS--
20 AND, BY THE WAY, THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT COULD BE SOMETHING
21 THAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AT THE HOME, WHICH WILL IMPACT THAT
22 CHILD AND THEIR ABILITY TO GO TO SCHOOL AND LEARN. SO IT'S NOT
23 JUST WITHIN THE CHILD; IT'S WITHIN THE FAMILY, AS WELL. AND WE
24 NEED TO BE OPEN TO THE FACT THAT IT MAY BE GREATER THAN JUST
25 PROVIDING AT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, BUT

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1 ALSO OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL, AND TO THE FAMILY AS A WHOLE. AND
2 I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
3 FOR ACCEPTING OUR FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT'S CO-AUTHORED BY
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND THAT AMENDMENT IS VERY SIMPLE, AND IT'S,
5 "DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN COORDINATION WITH
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THIS CHIEF EXECUTIVE
7 OFFICE, AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE
8 PLAN TO PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING
9 BUT NOT LIMITED TO PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES,
10 EDUCATION, SUPPORT, AND OUTREACH. THIS PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE THE
11 IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCES, TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION, AND
12 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, WITH A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT BACK
13 TO THIS BOARD IN 45 DAYS. AND I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH THIS: I
14 REMEMBER WORKING WITH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEN I
15 WAS HANDLING MENTAL HEALTH. AND WE LOOKED AT CHILDREN THAT
16 WERE IN OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND LOOKED AT THE CORRELATION
17 BETWEEN THOSE THAT WERE ACTING OUT IN SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH
18 GRADE, AND THOSE THAT WERE BEING EXPELLED OR DROPPING OUT OF
19 HIGH SCHOOL, AND THERE WAS A DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THOSE
20 EARLY IDENTIFIED IN GRADE SCHOOL. SO WE DID A PILOT PROGRAM.
21 BUT GONE ARE THE DAYS. I THINK 3632 FUNDS FOR THE STATE HAVE
22 SHRUNK, OR ARE NOW CALLED SOMETHING ELSE. BUT WE MAY HAVE TO
23 REINVENT THE WHEEL, AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE GO ABOUT PROVIDING
24 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO OUR STUDENTS. SO WITH THAT, I WANT

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1 TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND I'M
2 LOOKING FORWARD TO REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND THANK YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING
6 THIS FORWARD. I, TOO, WAS OUT YESTERDAY IN THE RAIN WITH OUR
7 TEACHERS. I WAS AT DODSON MIDDLE SCHOOL. AND EVEN IN THE RAIN,
8 UNDER THE PONCHOS, YOU KNOW, THEY WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT,
9 YOU KNOW, WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT THEY'RE
10 ASKING FOR SMALLER CLASS SIZES, BUT NURSES, MENTAL HEALTH
11 PROFESSIONALS IN THE CLASSROOM, BECAUSE WHAT'S HAPPENED IS OUR
12 TEACHERS HAVE BECOME THE NURSES. OUR TEACHERS HAVE BECOME THE
13 COUNSELORS. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THEY'RE NOT TEACHING,
14 AND THE KIDS AREN'T LEARNING. SO THESE ARE NEEDED SERVICES IN
15 OUR SCHOOLS. I KNOW DR. SHERIN AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT HAVING
16 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN OUR SCHOOLS. THAT'S WHERE WE'RE
17 GOING TO FIRST BEGIN TO, YOU KNOW, NOTICE THAT A STUDENT NEEDS
18 SOME EXTRA HELP. AND TEACHERS AREN'T REALLY TRAINED NOR
19 QUALIFIED TO PICK UP THOSE KINDS OF SIGNS, BUT MENTAL HEALTH
20 PROFESSIONALS ARE. THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TRAINED TO DO. AND SO I
21 THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS, FOR THINKING THAT OUR AMENDMENT IS APPROPRIATE,
23 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT JUST IN MY FOURTH DISTRICT, I HAVE 26
24 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND WE HAVE 81, COUNTYWIDE. AND WHAT OUR
25 AMENDMENT IS ASKING FOR IS TO SORT OF TAKE A LOOK AT NOT JUST

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1 THE NEEDS OF L.A.U.S.D. STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH THAT'S PRETTY
2 CRITICAL RIGHT NOW, AND THAT'S KIND OF WHAT WE'RE ALL FOCUSING
3 ON, BUT CERTAINLY ALL OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS COULD USE SOME
4 HELP AND SUPPORT. AND I APPRECIATE US-- YOU KNOW, THERE'S A
5 BIBLE VERSE THAT SAYS, "IT IS BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO
6 CURSE THE DARKNESS." AND INSTEAD OF JUST STANDING BY AND SORT
7 OF RAILING AGAINST WHAT WE THINK IS WRONG, WE'RE LIGHTING THE
8 CANDLE HERE BY BRINGING SOME LIGHTNESS, BY AGREEING TO PUT UP
9 OUR RESOURCES, IF IT'S HELPFUL TO OUR CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS.
10 SO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. AND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
11 YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE GO TO OUR ESTEEMED
12 DOCTORS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I WAS JUST GOING TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN
15 ADDITIONAL DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE, DR. DEBRA DUARDO, WHO IS THE
16 SUPERINTENDENT OF L.A.C.O. AND SHE'S HERE, SO SUBJECT MATTER
17 EXPERT. WE'LL HEAR FROM HER NEXT WEEK, PRESUMABLY, BUT WE DO
18 RECOGNIZE HER PRESENCE TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WHILE I WAS LIGHTING THE
21 CANDLE, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS ON THE
22 QUEUE, SO PLEASE.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE LIGHT DID REACH, THOUGH. I THINK THAT IT'S
25 IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT, THOUGH, THAT THIS ACTUALLY IS

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1 UNRELATED TO THE STRIKE. THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, AS I
2 UNDERSTAND IT, HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS A
3 YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS ALREADY PROVIDED
4 SOME FUNDING TO L.A. UNIFIED TO HELP, BUT IT'S NOT JUST A HELP
5 FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IT'S NOT AN
6 EXTENSION OF OUR MISSION, BUT ANOTHER WAY TO ACCOMPLISH OUR
7 MISSION, WHERE WE DO HAVE A DUTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO YOUNG
8 PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY UNDER OUR FUNDING
9 STREAMS. THIS IS A NICE, CONVENIENT WAY, BECAUSE THEY GATHER
10 IN ONE PLACE, TO BE ABLE TO HELP IDENTIFY THEM. AND I THINK--
11 BECAUSE PEOPLE SAY, YOU KNOW, WHY ARE WE DOING THIS FOR SCHOOL
12 DISTRICTS, EVEN IF WE DID IT FOR ALL 81 OF THEM? IS THAT PART
13 OF THE MISSION OF WHAT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DOES? AND I
14 THOUGHT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SAY AND TO ASK YOU TO
15 COMMENT, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THAT THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR
16 FAMILIES, IN MANY WAYS, ARE ALREADY QUALIFIED TO BE OUR
17 CLIENTS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY HAVING EASE OF ACCESS OR KNOWING
18 SORT OF HOW TO DO IT, OR BEING IDENTIFIED. IN TERMS OF SCHOOL
19 NURSES, ALTHOUGH I THINK WE'RE NOT ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR
20 SCHOOL NURSES TODAY, WE'RE ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK. I THINK
21 WE HAD TALKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AT LEAST
22 AS FAR BACK AS TWO YEARS AGO, ABOUT THE CRAZY IDEA OF OUR
23 BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS. AND WE'VE
24 EVEN STARTED A COUPLE OF CLINICS THAT ARE JOINT CLINICS WITH
25 SCHOOLS. THERE'S A COUPLE IN MY DISTRICT. SO I THINK BEFORE

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1 PEOPLE REPORT, "WELL, THEY DID THIS BECAUSE OF THE STRIKE," I
2 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THOUGH THERE'S SUPPORT, IT'S
3 NOT JUST ABOUT THAT. IT'S REALLY ABOUT ONGOING, BECAUSE IT'S
4 NOT GOING TO STOP WHEN THE STRIKE'S OVER, AS I UNDERSTAND IT.
5 SO I'D BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF THAT'S THE CASE. THANK YOU,
6 MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TO OUR ESTEEMED DOCTORS: DR.
9 SHERIN, DR. FERRER.

10

11 **DR. SHERIN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. JON SHERIN, DIRECTOR OF
12 MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S REALLY GREAT TO BE HERE TO TALK ABOUT
13 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN SCHOOLS, AND YOUR COMMENTS ARE
14 QUITE ERUDITE. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF KIDS, SCHOOLS,
15 AND NEIGHBORHOODS MUST ALWAYS BE FRONT AND CENTER. I'VE BEEN
16 UP HERE MANY, MANY TIMES IN THE PAST COUPLE YEARS SINCE I GOT
17 HERE, SPEAKING TO YOU ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS AS ACCESS PLATFORMS
18 WHERE KIDS WHO HAVE ISSUES, WHERE THERE ARE RED FLAGS, CAN BE
19 IDENTIFIED, AND WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN BE LINKED TO SERVICES,
20 TO CARE, TO TREATMENT THAT CAN BE DELIVERED. IN ORDER FOR US
21 TO OPTIMIZE THE SCHOOL PLATFORMS THAT I'M DESCRIBING, WE NOT
22 ONLY NEED TO HAVE THE LINKAGE MECHANISMS AND COUNSELORS AT
23 SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WE DO HAVE, BUT WE NEED TO
24 HAVE WHAT I CALL A TRAINED-UP ECOSYSTEM. INVESTING IN THE
25 TRAINING OF THE KIDS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILLNESS,

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1 THE TEACHERS, THE ADMINISTRATORS, THE FAMILIES, THE
2 NEIGHBORHOODS, RAISE THE BAR IN TERMS OF FINDING THOSE
3 INDIVIDUALS WHO REALLY NEED HELP, SO THAT WE CAN MORE
4 EFFECTIVELY LINK THEM TO TREATMENT. THERE ARE MANY ACTIVITIES
5 CURRENTLY ONGOING, AND I THINK THAT DR. FERRER WILL TALK ABOUT
6 ONE OF THE VERY EXCITING ONES THAT WE'RE PARTNERING ON. AND
7 THIS, TO ME, IS REALLY OUR STATEMENT AS A COUNTY, THAT WE
8 RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO OUR MISSION OF INVESTING VERY,
9 VERY AGGRESSIVELY AND STRATEGICALLY IN SCHOOLS, AS COMMUNITY
10 ASSETS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES, FOR THE MENTAL
11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I APPLAUD THIS
12 EFFORT, AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PUSHING US TO INVEST
13 MORE AND MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN THIS ARENA.

14

15 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS
16 BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU SO MUCH
17 FOR ALLOWING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TODAY. AND THANK YOU
18 ALSO FOR A MOTION THAT REALLY HAS AT ITS HEART THE WELLBEING
19 OF CHILDREN, NOT JUST IN L.A.U.S.D., BUT I THINK IN OUR
20 COUNTY, AS A WHOLE. I APPRECIATE THE FOCUS. MANY OF YOU KNOW
21 I'M A FORMER HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN A DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
22 THAT SERVED CHILDREN WITH A LOT OF COMPLEX NEEDS, AND
23 APPRECIATE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THE NEED FOR THERE TO BE INVESTMENTS
24 THAT SUPPORT THE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN, SO THAT
25 THEY, IN FACT, CAN ACADEMICALLY PERFORM. IT'S PRETTY MUCH

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1 IMPOSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT WELL, PHYSICALLY AND
2 EMOTIONALLY, TO DO THEIR BEST IN SCHOOL. AND WE HAVE AMPLE
3 EVIDENCE THAT, IN FACT, THERE'S A HIGH CORRELATION. THERE'S
4 ALSO A HIGH CORRELATION WITH THE FACT THAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,
5 PARTICULARLY HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS, ENGAGEMENT IN RISKY
6 BEHAVIOR IS NOT ISOLATED. THE SAME YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE
7 LIKELY TO BE USING ILLICIT DRUGS, TO BE ABSENT MANY TIMES
8 DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, ARE THE CHILDREN WHO ALSO REPORT
9 HIGHER RATES OF DEPRESSION, ISOLATION, AND NOT HAVING A
10 TRUSTED ADULT THAT THEY CAN CONFIDE IN, IN THEIR LIVES. SO,
11 ALONG WITH DR. SHERIN, WE HAVE REALLY, FOR THE LAST YEAR, BEEN
12 ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND HOW, AS A HEALTH AGENCY, WE
13 CAN BETTER SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS AND THE CHILDREN IN OUR
14 SCHOOLS, WHICH ALSO MEAN'S PAYING A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THE
15 TEACHERS, THE ANCILLARY STAFF, AND THE ADMINISTRATORS THAT ARE
16 IN THOSE BUILDINGS. THIS LAST YEAR, WE'VE BEEN WORKING IN
17 PARTICULAR ON AN EFFORT TO OPEN UP, THIS UPCOMING FALL, 50
18 STUDENT WELLBEING CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTY. 30 OF THOSE
19 CENTERS WILL BE IN L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOLS. WE HAVE MET WITH THE
20 SUPERINTENDENT A COUPLE OF TIMES, AND HAVE ONGOING MEETINGS
21 WITH ALL OF THE STAFF AT L.A.U.S.D. WE'VE ALSO GRACIOUSLY,
22 THANKS TO LEADERSHIP OF SUPERINTENDENT DUARTE, BEEN WORKING
23 THE SAME PROCESS WITH L.A.C.O. TO IDENTIFY HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS,
24 WHERE WE WILL GO IN AND BE APPROPRIATELY STAFFED FOR FALL
25 OPENING WITH HEALTH EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS, AND STAFF THAT CAN

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1 ADDRESS SEXUAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE. SO THIS IS A
2 LIMITED SERVICE. IT'S NOT A FULL CLINIC, BUT IT'S MEANT TO
3 ADDRESS THE TWO HIGHEST NEEDS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT WITH,
4 WHICH IS AROUND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND SEXUAL HEALTH. SO, YOU
5 KNOW, WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THAT OPPORTUNITY. I WILL SAY, ON THE
6 PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE HAVE MADE AN
7 INVESTMENT THAT AMOUNTS TO \$10 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE NEXT
8 THREE YEARS. I MEAN, THAT WILL BE ONGOING, BASED ON THE
9 EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT, TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT
10 WELLBEING CENTERS. SO I THINK, AS NOTED, THIS IS AN ONGOING
11 EFFORT ON OUR PARTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE IN FACT HELPING
12 STUDENTS IN THE PLACES WHERE THEY'RE AT, WHICH IS AT OUR
13 SCHOOLS. AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR--
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST ON THE PROGRAM YOU JUST
19 DESCRIBED, BARBARA, DR. BARBARA FERRER, COULD YOU TELL ME WHEN
20 WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO RAMP UP AND HAVE THE PHYSICIANS
21 AVAILABLE?

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** SURE. I MEAN, WE WILL MOST LIKELY COME BACK TO THE
24 BOARD WITH A BOARD LETTER AROUND THOSE POSITIONS. YOU KNOW, WE
25 ANTICIPATE IN THE SPRING. WE'RE WORKING REALLY CLOSELY WITH

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1 BOTH BUDGET AND CLASS COMPS TO LINE THIS ALL UP. WE ARE
2 ALREADY ENGAGED WITH PRINCIPALS, HEADMASTERS, AND
3 SUPERINTENDENTS TO IDENTIFY THE SCHOOLS AND MAKE SURE THAT
4 THOSE FACILITIES ARE READY TO OPEN THIS FALL. YOU KNOW,
5 OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP. THE SCHOOLS NEED TO MAKE
6 SURE WE HAVE SPACE WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY DELIVER SERVICES, AND
7 THEY NEED TO WANT US THERE. WE'LL HAVE A STRONG PARENT
8 ENGAGEMENT ARM TO THIS, AS WELL, WORKING WITH PROMOTORAS AND
9 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SO THAT PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THESE
10 EFFORTS AT HOME, ALONG WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SCHOOLS.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT THESE WILL BE HIGHER CLASSIFIED POSITIONS, NOT
13 JUST INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES?

14

15 **DR. FERRER:** OH, YEAH. NO, NO. THESE WILL BE HEALTH EDUCATORS,
16 AND THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORS. AND I
17 KNOW JON IS WORKING-- DR. SHERIN IS ALSO WORKING, DEPENDING ON
18 WHAT ELSE IS IN THE SCHOOL ALREADY, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
19 COUNSELORS ARE APPROPRIATE. I MEAN, REMEMBER, YOU KNOW, OUR
20 FOLKS WILL BE FAIRLY INDEPENDENT IN THOSE SCHOOL BUILDINGS,
21 WORKING WITH A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE. THEY'RE MEANT TO BE PART
22 OF THE STUDENT SUPPORT TEAMS IN THESE BUILDINGS, AND NOT TO
23 WORK IN ISOLATION. SO NOT ONLY DO THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO WORK
24 WITH STUDENTS, BUT THEY HAVE TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE WORKING WITH

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1 FACULTY, STAFF, AND PARENTS. SO THAT'S THE EXPECTATION. BUT
2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION FOR DR. SHERIN.
9 WOULD M.H.S.A. DOLLARS BE ELIGIBLE, IF WE'RE ROLLING OUT NEW
10 PROGRAMS IN OUR SCHOOLS?

11

12 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAMS
13 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT IN ANALYZING THIS
14 OPPORTUNITY. CERTAIN PARTS OF M.H.S.A. COULD POTENTIALLY BE
15 USABLE, AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'LL BE
16 FOCUSED ON INTENSIVELY OVER COMING WEEKS, NOT JUST WITH OUR
17 DEPARTMENT, BUT WITH ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING
18 COMMUNITIES AROUND LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN, WHAT TOOK THE PLACE OF A.B. 3632, WHICH
21 WAS THE MONEY THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE USING TO DO MENTAL
22 HEALTH EVALUATIONS FOR CHILDREN THAT THEY IDENTIFIED WITH
23 NEEDS? DO YOU KNOW?

24

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1 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, I THINK THERE'S BEEN A BIT OF A BACK-AND-
2 FORTH BETWEEN RESPONSIBILITY AND RESOURCES, BETWEEN THE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS AND BETWEEN THE COUNTIES. AND I THINK, IN MY
4 UNDERSTANDING, HAVING ONLY BEEN HERE FOR TWO YEARS, IS THAT
5 THE COUNTIES ACTUALLY ARE NOT AS INVOLVED AND FUNDED AS THEY
6 HAVE BEEN, HISTORICALLY, BUT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING TO CORRECT
7 THAT. AND I THINK THAT THE WELLBEING CENTERS THAT DR. FERRER
8 POINTS OUT ARE REALLY AN IMPORTANT ENTITY THAT WE'RE LOOKING
9 TO KIND OF PLANT SEEDS WITH ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHICH, IN MANY
10 WAYS, IS GOING DEEP. BUT THIS TYPE OF INVESTMENT WILL ALSO
11 ALLOW US TO GO WIDE, AS WE'RE KIND OF IDENTIFYING THE MODELS
12 THAT ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE FOR THE KIDS IN THE HOUSEHOLDS.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC. WELL, I KNOW, AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, THE
15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE GOING TO EMBRACE THIS AND, I'M SURE,
16 GOING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE BOARD'S ACTION ON THIS ITEM. SO
17 THANK YOU FOR THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS TO OUR
20 ESTEEMED DOCTORS? THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR COMING, AND
21 THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CREATE MORE INVESTMENT
22 AND PARTNERSHIP WITH DR. DUARDO AND OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF
23 EDUCATION. I KNOW THAT'S ONGOING, BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU
24 LOOKING TO INVEST EVEN MORE IN THAT PARTNERSHIP, BECAUSE I
25 THINK IT'S THE PERFECT PLACE FOR US, ULTIMATELY, AS SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL SAID, TO DELIVER THE SERVICES THAT ARE AT THE CORE OF
2 WHAT WE DO AS A COUNTY. SO THANK YOU. AND, MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER, ARE THERE THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM,
4 FROM THE PUBLIC?

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
7 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, AND
8 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: MICHAEL GREEN, DEENA MARGOLIS, COURTNEY
9 POWERS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE NEED TO CALL MORE NOW? WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **MICHAEL GREEN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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17 **MICHAEL GREEN:** CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
18 MICHAEL GREEN. I AM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR
19 FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUE, PATRICIA
20 CASTILLO, WHO IS THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE HEALTH, AND
21 REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR 721, WE ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF
22 ITEM 22-B. LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY
23 OF LOS ANGELES DO HAVE A GREAT HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP, WHICH
24 MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE AND
25 EDUCATION FOR LOS ANGELES CHILDREN. THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED

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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HOME TO CHILDREN. 91 PERCENT ARE KIDS OF
2 COLOR. 80 PERCENT ARE KIDS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-
3 COST LUNCHES. THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKES
4 GREAT STRIDES IN OUR COMMUNITY BY INTERRUPTING POVERTY AND
5 ADVANCING JUSTICE. WHEN THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL AND
6 PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN ARE MET, WE ALL BENEFIT FROM
7 THEIR ABILITY TO FOCUS ON LEARNING. THIS PROPOSED INVESTMENT
8 OF FUNDING FOR NURSES AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CREATES
9 ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL WORK AND LOCAL
10 GOVERNMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER; IT INCREASES SERVICES BY
11 REDUCING THE NEED FOR OUTREACH; IT BUILDS ON THE EXISTING
12 TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP, AND REDUCES THE BARRIERS TO SERVICE.
13 AND IF, THROUGH THIS INVESTMENT, WE INCREASE THE WELLNESS AND
14 LEARNING ABILITY OF A CHILD, THEN WE ARE MAKING A POSITIVE
15 CHANGE FOR THEIR FUTURE, AND THE FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **COURTNEY POWERS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS COURTNEY POWERS. I'M
21 WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 WE'RE AN ASSOCIATION OF 65 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS. OUR
23 MEMBERS OPERATE CLOSE TO 20 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, PROVIDING PRIMARY CARE SERVICES FOR
25 STUDENTS, FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, SOME OF THEM PROVIDING

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1 DENTAL SERVICES, AS WELL. AS PROVIDERS OF PRIMARY CARE, WE
2 KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY INTERVENTION; THE INTERVENING
3 EARLY, FOR EXAMPLE, PROVIDING IMMUNIZATIONS TO STUDENTS,
4 FACILITATING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLNESS, SO THAT THEY FEEL
5 READY TO LEARN IN SCHOOL, AND TO THRIVE IN LIFE. OUR HEALTH
6 CENTERS ARE REALLY SOURCES OF TRUST IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
7 SCHOOLS ARE, TOO. SO THIS IS A TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY
8 EXPAND THE REACH TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN NEED. WE SUPPORT
9 THIS MOTION. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE
10 HEALTH SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, AND WE STAND READY TO
11 PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH THE DISTRICT, AS NEEDED, TO
12 EFFECTUATE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO YOU
15 HAVE OTHERS TO CALL?

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
18 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: BISHOP
19 MORA SALASIAN, DOROTHY WONG, ERIC PREVEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI,
20 REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, PRECIOUS YOUNG, AND JOSEPH
21 MAIZLISH. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

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1 **DEENA MARGOLIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S DEENA MARGOLIS, AND I
2 AM WITH UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TODAY TO
3 VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT COUNTY MENTAL
4 HEALTH AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORTING L.A.U.S.D. STUDENTS.
5 THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SO, THE UNITED WAY OF
6 GREATER LOS ANGELES IS COMMITTED TO BREAKING THE CYCLE OF
7 POVERTY FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS. WE WORK TO ENSURE
8 THAT LOW-INCOME FAMILIES HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME, A PATHWAY
9 TO COLLEGE AND CAREER AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, AND
10 OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE. IN OUR WORK, WE WITNESS THE
11 CHALLENGES THAT THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY
12 FACE EVERY DAY. THROUGH OUR EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS, WE
13 ARE ACUTELY AWARE THAT THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ALSO
14 EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF SEVERE HEALTH PROBLEMS, MENTAL
15 ILLNESS, AND ADDICTION DISORDERS. L.A.U.S.D. SERVES A
16 DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF VULNERABLE STUDENTS. CURRENTLY,
17 MORE THAN 400,000 STUDENTS ATTENDING L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOLS ARE
18 LOW-INCOME, 17,000 OF THEM ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND
19 7,000 LIVE IN FOSTER CARE. WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THESE STUDENTS
20 CARRY THE HARDSHIP AND TRAUMA IN THEIR LIVES WITH THEM TO
21 SCHOOL EVERY DAY. IN FACT, THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT 1 IN 5
22 L.A.U.S.D. STUDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, WHICH WE ALL KNOW
23 AFFECTS LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES FOR A
24 PERSON'S LIFE, IF IT'S NOT ADDRESSED EARLY ON. L.A.U.S.D. HAS
25 A VERY DEDICATED AND TALENTED STAFF WORKING IN SCHOOLS TO

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1 ADDRESS HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING THE NURSES,
2 THE PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS, AND EVEN TEACHERS WHO ARE
3 TRAINED IN TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE. HOWEVER, THESE RESOURCES
4 ARE WOEFULLY INSUFFICIENT FOR THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF THE NEEDS
5 OF OUR STUDENTS. OUR SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THEIR
6 BEST TO TEACH CHILDREN LIVING WITH TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH
7 ISSUES, AND WE MUST DO OUR BEST AS A COUNTY TO SUPPORT THEM BY
8 ENSURING THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE TO DO SO. THIS
9 RESOLUTION REPRESENTS A REALLY IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. A
10 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN L.A. COUNTY AND L.A.U.S.D. IS A TREMENDOUS
11 OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND OUR FAMILIES AND THE
12 TEACHERS, AND THE SCHOOLS OVERALL. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
13 RESOLUTION AND STAND READY TO PARTNER WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S JOE
18 MAIZLISH, A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, AND I WANT TO TELL
19 A COUPLE OF STREET-LEVEL STORIES ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS AND CAN
20 MEAN. IN '94 AND '95, I DID FOLLOW-UP COUNSELING SERVICE,
21 FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE, FOR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
22 THE FEDERAL PROJECT REBOUND, AND I WAS AT A COUPLE OF
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AMONG OTHER PLACES. THERE, THEY HAD A
24 COUNSELOR ONCE A WEEK FOR, I THINK, PART OF A DAY, MAYBE A
25 WHOLE DAY, AND THAT WAS ALL. SO, NATURALLY, WE COULD PROVIDE

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1 SUPPORT FOR A RANGE OF THINGS, NOT ONLY EARTHQUAKE
2 CONSEQUENCES. PARENTS ACTUALLY SAID OUR KIDS ARE MORE
3 DISTURBED BY THE SHOOTINGS THAN BY THE EARTHQUAKE. AND DURING
4 THAT TIME, I GOT TO MEET-- WAS CALLED TO A CLASS OF PRE-
5 KINDERGARTEN, SEVERAL OF WHOM HAD SEEN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING THE
6 DAY BEFORE; OTHERS, ANOTHER INSTANCE, A YOUNGSTER WHOSE FAMILY
7 WAS UNDER THE SUPERVISION BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME AND
8 DISTURBANCES IN THE HOME. AND I GOT TO SIT WITH HIM FOR
9 SEVERAL WEEKS. HE DREW, AS HIS ARTWORK, AN ERUPTING VOLCANO.
10 AND IT WAS VERY GOOD, OF COURSE, TO SIT WITH HIM AND SEE
11 THINGS CHANGE. ON ANOTHER OCCASION, THE TEACHER CALLED FOR
12 HELP. A STUDENT HAD REPORTED TO HER, AS THE TEACHER ASKED
13 WHAT'S GOING ON, THAT SHE WAS BEING STRUCK AT HOME BY HER
14 PARENTS. AND THE TEACHER ASKED FOR HELP. THE COUNSELOR WASN'T
15 THERE. I WAS. I TALKED IT OVER WITH THE TEACHER, TALKED IT
16 OVER WITH THE CHILD, AND TOOK HER, OF COURSE, TO THE PRINCIPAL
17 AND THE NURSE FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES. I WAS APPREHENSIVE AT
18 THAT TIME. I SAID, "WELL, MAYBE SHE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS
19 NEIGHBORHOOD AND FROM THE SCHOOL WHERE ALL HER FRIENDS ARE,
20 BUT MAYBE IT'LL BE NECESSARY, DEPENDING ON THE HOME
21 SITUATION." I SAW HER THE NEXT WEEK, BRIGHT A SMILE AS
22 POSSIBLE, THAT SHE WAS GETTING SUPERVISION FOR HER FAMILY AT
23 HOME, AND SHE WAS THERE. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT
24 YOU WILL BE ASSISTING IN HAPPENING WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES
25 FOR THE CHILDREN'S LATER LIFE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **DOROTHY WONG:** HI. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS DOROTHY
5 WONG. I'M A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. I'M ALSO A CYCLING
6 INSTRUCTOR. AND AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH, BICYCLING IS
7 AN AMAZING TOOL TO ACTUALLY IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF OUR
8 COMMUNITY. I WORK FOR A PROGRAM, WALK AND ROLLERS, AS A
9 CYCLING INSTRUCTOR. THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR, SELF-FUNDED BY
10 THE CITY OF LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE TEACH PEDESTRIAN AND
11 BICYCLING SAFETY TO CHILDREN, AND IT'S SELF-FUNDED. SO
12 PROGRAMS LIKE THAT ALSO ENCOURAGE AND ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL
13 ABILITIES. SO MY SPECIAL STORY WAS, A YOUNG MAN WAS IN A
14 WHEELCHAIR. HE COULDN'T MOVE. THE TEACHER PUSHED HIM AROUND,
15 AND IMAGINED WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO RIDE A BICYCLE. AND THAT
16 KID'S FOOT-- HIS EYES OPENED, AND HIS FOOT TRIED TO MOVE LIKE
17 A BICYCLE. SO WE HAVE TO ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL HEALTH AS PART OF
18 OUR MENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH. SO, TWO OTHER PROGRAMS: ESTEBAN
19 TORRES HIGH SCHOOL, HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND TECHNOLOGY, FORD
20 FOUNDATION FUNDING. WE CREATED HAT ON WHEELS, HIGH SCHOOL
21 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND THAT FUNDING RAN OUT. SO ANYTHING
22 THE COUNTY CAN DO, THOSE KIDS LEARN HOW TO PUT A BICYCLE
23 TOGETHER. WE RODE AND GOT MOCHI DOWN AT DOWNTOWN L.A. IN
24 ALTADENA, WE STARTED THE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE
25 TOWN COUNCIL, AND WE WORKED WITH JACKSON ELEMENTARY, GETTING

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1 THE FIRST SAFE RIDES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM GOING, AND ALSO CAL
2 WALKS AND SAFE TREK TO STUDY SAFETY AND HOW WE CAN MOVE OUR
3 CHILDREN SAFELY AROUND ALTADENA. WE ALSO WORKED WITH S.C.A.G.,
4 GOT A GO HUMAN COMMUNITY GRANT, AND WE TURNED THE ALTADENA
5 LIBRARY INTO A BIKE PARK FOR THE DAY. CHILDREN NEED A SAFE
6 PLACE. IT BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND COMMUNITY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO
7 BE THE FASTEST. YOU GO OUT THERE, AND IT'S A GREAT THING FOR
8 PUBLIC HEALTH. SO I SUPPORT 22-B, AND LET'S THINK ABOUT
9 PHYSICAL HEALTH.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. PREVEN?

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
14 DISTRICT, AND I LIKED WHAT DR. SHERIN AND DR. FERRER WERE
15 TALKING ABOUT: ACCESS PLATFORM. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A GREAT
16 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO STUDENTS, LIKE THE
17 LIBRARIES, WHICH I LIKED THAT PRESENTATION. WE HAD A LIBRARY
18 EVENT IN STUDIO CITY, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER ONE, AND
19 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM FROM THE COUNTY,
20 AND OTHER SUPERVISORS WERE INVITED. WE'D LIKE TO INVITE
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO TALK ABOUT WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE
22 THERE'S SOME ISSUES THERE. BUT THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT INVOLVED
23 IN THE STRIKE IN ANY WAY. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT. THIS IS
24 NOT ABOUT STRIKE SUPPORT, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL POINTED OUT. IT
25 HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT AT ALL, OBVIOUSLY. IT'S COINCIDENTAL

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1 THAT IT CAME UP TODAY, AND WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THIS FOR A VERY
2 LONG TIME. AND THERE ARE 81 DISTRICTS, BUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS'S TIMING IS ACCIDENTAL. I JUST WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW
4 THAT. NOW, TRAINING UP THE ECOSYSTEM IS ANOTHER AREA WHICH I
5 ABSOLUTELY APPRECIATE. I THINK THAT THIS IS A GREAT IDEA. AND
6 THE THING THAT WE ARE REALLY FOCUSED ON IS, HOW CAN WE BE
7 COMPASSIONATE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS? ALSO, CHECK OUT AT THE
8 STUDIO CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WEBSITE OUR WALK OVER TO
9 STUDIO CITY CIVIC VIDEO, AND SHARE IT ON TWITTER, IF YOU DON'T
10 MIND, BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO GET OUR THIRD-DISTRICT TEAM TO
11 HELP, AND THEY WILL, TOO. THANKS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. BUZZETTI?

14

15 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. THE MASTER OF L.A. UNIFIED
16 AND ALL THE B.S. THAT GOES ON HERE. THIS IS A 16-YEAR
17 SPREADSHEET WHICH ALL OF YOU GOT, AND ACROSS THE NATION, LAST
18 NIGHT. SO DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. IN
19 2002, UNDER RUBEN ZACARIAS, THERE WERE 735,000 ENROLLED. 720
20 CAME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, FOR 14,883 DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL.
21 NORMAL, 2 PERCENT. IN 2014/15, L.A. UNIFIED BROUGHT IN YOUR
22 NEW, CROOKED C.F.O., AND SUDDENLY STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL EVERY
23 DAY WENT FROM 136,000 TO 16,663 IN THEIR BUDGET. ONLY WHEN YOU
24 GO TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IT'S 132, 32, OR 119,
25 1139, SOMETHING DIFFERENT. NOW, YOU WONDER WHY L.A. UNIFIED

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1 HAD TROUBLE, YOU STUPID ATTORNEY, WHO RUNS YOUR STUPID COUNTY
2 OFFICE OF EDUCATION THAT CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF NOTHING, BECAUSE
3 I HAVE FIVE OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON HERE, DON'T I? NOW, WHAT
4 HAPPENS TO OUR SOCIETY AND YOU [EXPLETIVE] WITH THE STUPID DR.
5 SHERIN WITH HIS GARBAGE WITH \$20 A STUDENT, WHEN YOU CHARGE
6 \$500 A HALF AN HOUR FOR YOUR CONTRACTORS, AND WHEN YOU HAVE
7 THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL, I HAVE THE BILLING, WHERE YOU HAVE
8 FRAUDULENT BILLING FROM HELL. SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK'S GOING TO
9 GO ON WITH THESE FOOLS? OKAY? NOW, PASADENA'S MISSING-- A.B.C.
10 IS MISSING 6.9 PERCENT OF THEIR STUDENTS. COMPTON IS MISSING
11 15.9 PERCENT. BALDWIN PARK, 15.9 PERCENT. INWOOD'S MISSING
12 17.2 PERCENT, AND CULVER CITY IS ONLY MISSING .03 PERCENT.
13 STUPID PEOPLE. YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT OUR YOUTH. YOU'RE PACKING
14 OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND I KNOW ALL THE FILTH GOING ON
15 THERE, TOO. SO THAT'S NEXT, BECAUSE L.A. UNIFIED IS FINISHED,
16 AND YOU'RE FINISHED, BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN TERRORIZING ME AND
17 MY FRIEND.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SPEAKER:** FOR 17 YEARS, AND IT'S OVER.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO YOU HAVE OTHERS
24 TO CALL UP?

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD HERMAN HERMAN PLEASE COME
2 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** HELLO.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO.

9

10 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS PRECIOUS YOUNG, AND I
11 BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD MOTION IF IT'S PASSED, BECAUSE IT
12 ALLOWS CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH
13 SERVICES THAT CAN BETTER PERFECT THEM, SO THEY CAN BE ABLE TO
14 HAVE BETTER SERVICES AND BETTER THINGS IN THEIR MENTAL HEALTH,
15 AND ALSO FOR ALLOWING THEM TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A VOICE, AND BE
16 ABLE TO SPEAK, AND BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A WAY
17 WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE FEAR, AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE WORRY
18 ABOUT BEING SINGLED OUT OR BEING ISOLATED BECAUSE THEY HAVE A
19 MENTAL ILLNESS, OR BECAUSE THEY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. I
20 ALSO FEEL THAT BY ALLOWING-- THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE SERVICES
21 IN SCHOOLS SO THAT THEY CAN PROPERLY ALLOCATE FOR MENTAL
22 HEALTH, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE SERVICES ARE NOT EXISTENT, AND
23 THEY DON'T HAVE SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK
24 TO A COUNSELOR OR SPEAK TO SOMEONE THAT WILL GIVE THEM
25 SERVICES SO THAT THEY CAN GET PROPER MENTAL HEALTH, THE MENTAL

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1 HEALTH SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. SO, YES, I BELIEVE THAT THIS
2 NEEDS TO BE PASSED. IT'S VERY URGENT, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT,
3 AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, LIKE,
4 YESTERDAY, NOT TOMORROW. SO, YES, THIS IS SOMETHING VERY
5 IMPORTANT AND VERY CLOSE TO ME, BECAUSE WITH BEING ABLE TO
6 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE, IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR
7 CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO THRIVE AND PROSPER AND BE ABLE TO
8 FUNCTION IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN SOCIETY. ONCE THEY LEAVE
9 SCHOOL, THEY'RE ABLE TO FUNCTION AND BE THRIVING CITIZENS AND
10 ADULTS, AND ABLE TO PROPERLY ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, MS. DESIRE.

14

15 **BISHOP MORA SALASIAN:** GREETINGS. SO, TODAY MY NAME IS BISHOP
16 MORA SALASIAN, AND I RUN AN ALL-BOY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN BOYLE
17 HEIGHTS, WHERE THE TUITION IS \$9,000 PER CHILD. AND MY BEST
18 FUNDRAISERS ROCHELLE HUIZAR AND ADRIAN LOPEZ, HAVE FUNNELED AT
19 LEAST \$1.5 MILLION THROUGH THIS SCHOOL, WHERE THESE KIDS AT
20 WASHINGTON PREP AND SOUTHWEST COLLEGE DON'T EVEN HAVE A MUSIC
21 PROGRAM, BUT YOU WANT TO PUMP SOUTH L.A. WITH PSYCH MEDS, AND
22 YOU WANT TO BUILD A ST. JOHN'S RESOURCE CENTER NEXT TO THESE
23 HIGH SCHOOLS. THESE KIDS DON'T NEED ANY MORE PSYCHIATRY
24 READINGS. THEY NEED A MICROPHONE. THEY NEED A RESOURCE CENTER,
25 LIKE 95TH AND NORMANDIE, INSTEAD OF HAVING MEXICAN SQUATTERS

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1 IN THERE. SO WHOEVER OWNS THE BABY BLUE MERCEDES AND THE
2 TOYOTA RAV 4 SITTING ON THAT 95TH AND NORMANDIE LOT, WE NEED
3 YOU TO CLEAN IT UP. THAT'S PART OF OUR MENTAL WELLNESS IN
4 SOUTH L.A. CAN WE DO THAT? CAN WE DO THAT, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?
5 I THANK YOU FOR THIS NICE AGENDA THAT YOU PUT ON HERE, BUT THE
6 REALITY IS, HALF OF THE MONEY THAT GOES THROUGH DONATIONS,
7 THROUGH YOUR SON AND YOUR FRIENDS, SHOULD GO BACK TO SOUTH
8 L.A. THAT'S WHERE WE CAN START, AND THAT'S WELL OVER \$10
9 MILLION. WELL OVER. SO IT'S BETTER IF YOU BRING US TO THE
10 TABLE, AND LET'S ALL BE TRANSPARENT, BECAUSE TRANSPARENCY AND
11 ACCOUNTABILITY IS THE NUMBER 2 ITEMS FOR WELLNESS RECOVERY
12 ACTION PLANS. AND WE WANT THESE AGENDAS TO BE RESPECTED. SO
13 DR. SHERIN AND BARBARA HAVE A COPY OF AN AGENDA FOR SOUTH
14 L.A., SPECIFICALLY REHABILITATION THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS; 13
15 IDENTIFIED PROPERTIES WHICH ARE COUNTY-OWNED, THAT CAN BE
16 RELEASED SO THESE KIDS CAN HAVE A RESOURCE CENTER, OR ELSE
17 THIS AGENDA, 22-A AND 22-B, IS [EXPLETIVE]. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. MR. HERMAN?

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21 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YES, EVERYONE. WE CAN'T FORGET THOSE WHO
22 DECEIVE US THE MOST, PRIMARILY ELECTED OFFICIALS, AS YOU READ
23 RECENTLY IN THE NEWSPAPER: THOSE TAKING MONEY TO PAD THEIR OWN
24 LIVES. YET, THEY SACRIFICE OUR CHILDREN TO AN EDUCATION
25 EQUIVALENT TO A COLLEGE. BUT AT THE SACRIFICE OF WHOM? JOSE

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1 HUIZAR, HERMAN JASON WESSON, AND, FOR THE RECORD, MAYOR ERIC
2 GARCETTI AND HIS DEVELOPERS. WHY CAN'T OUR CHILDREN LEARN?
3 BECAUSE IN MY HAND IS A DOCUMENT THAT INDICATES HOW L.A.U.S.D.
4 HAS MISLED, HAS MALICIOUSLY LIED IN THE FUNDING PROCESS FOR
5 YOUR CHILDREN; OR-- LET ME INDICATE IT-- MY CHILDREN. BECAUSE,
6 LIKE THAT OF OUR CITY ATTORNEY, WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT
7 CHILDREN, OTHER THAN TO FOLLOW THE LAW AND AND DECEIVE US THAT
8 SHE'S FOLLOWING THE RULES BY PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF WHAT?
9 DECEPTION? I CALL IT DECEPTION. THAT'S THE REASON WHY TEACHERS
10 ARE STRIKING. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TEACHERS STRIKING YESTERDAY
11 AND TODAY. AND I AM STRIKING ON THEIR BEHALF, IN SUPPORT, IN
12 THE SAME MANNER THAT ALL YOU AT HOME SHOULD TELL YOUR
13 CHILDREN, "STRIKE FOR TEACHERS FOR BETTER CLASSROOMS AND
14 BETTER MONIES, BECAUSE MONIES TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE." MONEY
15 TALKS, [EXPLETIVE] WALKS. AND THAT'S THE RULE I'M LIVING BY,
16 BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I WAS TAUGHT IN L.A., FOOLS. WHO DO I
17 SOUND LIKE, FOOLS? CITY ATTORNEY MAKING 3 TO \$600 AN HOUR,
18 FOOLS. BUT YET YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT EDUCATED, BECAUSE WE GOT
19 A FOOL FOR LEGISLATIVE BODY. A FOOL.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS TO BE
22 CALLED FOR THIS ITEM?

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU
2 LIKE TO MAKE SOME CLOSING REMARKS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR, I
5 SIMPLY WANT TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THEIR INPUT;
6 THAT IS, ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MYSELF, FOR THE
7 AMENDING LANGUAGE THAT REFINES AND IMPROVES THIS. TIME IS OF
8 THE ESSENCE. I DECLARE THAT THIS IS A CATALYTIC MOMENT. IT
9 BUILDS ON WHAT WE HAVE DONE. IT SPEAKS SPECIFICALLY ON WHAT WE
10 NOT ONLY SHOULD DO, BUT AFTER THAT, WHAT WE CAN DO. THIS WILL
11 BE A FISCALLY PRUDENT INVESTMENT ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY OF
12 LOS ANGELES. IT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY AID THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND TOWARD THAT END WE KNOW THAT TIME IS OF
14 THE ESSENCE, AND TO ACT NOW IS MOST APPROPRIATE. WITH THAT,
15 MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THE ENTIRE MATTER AS AMENDED.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO ITEM 22-B, AS AMENDED, IS
18 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO
20 OBJECTIONS, AND SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER: A
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOW LET'S TAKE UP ITEM 1-D, 1-H, AND 5,
2 CREATING SOLUTIONS TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING IN
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS WAS HELD BY OUR SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
4 WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S PRETTY
7 OBVIOUS TO PEOPLE, AND WE'VE HEARD TESTIMONY EVEN TODAY, THAT
8 WHERE YOU LIVE MAKES A REALLY BIG DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE. AND
9 IT'S CERTAINLY TRUE IN L.A. COUNTY, BECAUSE THE NEIGHBORHOODS
10 THAT WE LIVE IN DETERMINE THE SCHOOLS THAT OUR CHILDREN
11 ATTEND, HOW MUCH VIOLENCE WE MIGHT BE EXPOSED TO DAILY,
12 EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS, HOW FAR WE HAVE TO TRAVEL TO
13 WORK, HOW CLOSE WE ARE TO OUR EXTENDED FAMILY, OUR FAITH
14 COMMUNITY, OR OTHER CRITICAL SUPPORT NETWORKS. WE HAVE A
15 PRETTY DEEP AND SHAMEFUL HISTORY IN THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY OF
16 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE BASED ON RACE, BASED ON THEIR
17 ECONOMIC STANDING, BASED ON THEIR DISABILITY, ALL OF WHICH
18 HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DEEPENED OUR HOUSING SEGREGATION ALL ACROSS
19 THE COUNTRY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THIS WHEN THE
20 FAIR HOUSING ACT WAS PASSED IN 1968, IN THE WAKE OF THE
21 ASSASSINATION OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. AND YET,
22 50 YEARS LATER, OUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE STILL DEBATING
23 THE KEY CLAUSE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, WHICH REQUIRES
24 COMMUNITIES TO, QUOTE, "AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING,"
25 CLOSED QUOTE. THANKFULLY, CALIFORNIA, AND TODAY, AS WE'LL

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1 HOPEFULLY SEE, L.A. COUNTY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
2 AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IT
3 MEANS THAT WE RECOGNIZE GOVERNMENT'S EXPLICIT ROLE IN TRYING
4 TO REVERSE HOUSING SEGREGATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO
5 THANK THE C.D.C. FOR THEIR REPORT BACK ON THIS TOPIC. I WANT
6 TO THANK THE L.A.H.S.A. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BLACK PEOPLE
7 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR RAISING THIS TOPIC. IN THEIR
8 REPORT, THEY TOLD US THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS, THOUGH THEY MAKE
9 UP ONLY 9 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, THEY COMPRISE 35
10 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION. THIS IS NOT ACCIDENTAL.
11 THERE ARE REASONS FOR THIS, REASONS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT
12 TODAY. HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ONE OF THE MANY FACTORS THAT
13 CAUSE AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO BE FAR MORE LIKELY THAN ANY OTHER
14 RACIAL GROUP TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS. A RECENT H.U.D. STUDY
15 SHOWED JUST HOW DIRE THE SITUATION IS FOR TENANTS WITH SECTION
16 8 VOUCHERS. THEY EXPERIENCE 76 PERCENT OF THEIR LANDLORDS
17 DENYING THEIR APPLICATIONS. SECOND HIGHEST RATE IN THE
18 COUNTRY. I'M NOT NAIVE ABOUT WHAT IT MIGHT TAKE TO STOP
19 HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND REDUCE SEGREGATION. THIS MOTION
20 ALONE IS JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET, BUT IT MIGHT BE AT LEAST
21 ONE MORE DROP THAT CAN FILL UP A GOOD BUCKET. I DO BELIEVE NOW
22 IS THE TIME TO START TAKING SOME CRITICAL STEPS. I DON'T THINK
23 WE'LL HEAR MUCH PUSHBACK ON INCREASING FAIR HOUSING TESTING OR
24 LANDLORD INCENTIVES. SIMILARLY, THE GENTRIFICATION
25 DISPLACEMENT STUDY, I THINK IT'S PRETTY EASY TO ARGUE THAT WE

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1 NEED SUCH A THING. THERE MAY BE SOME PUSHBACK, HOWEVER, BY
2 THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT EXPANSION OF PROTECTIONS, BY
3 INDICATING THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISCRIMINATE AS A
4 LANDLORD, BASED ON THE SOURCE OF A TENANT OR PROSPECTIVE
5 TENANT'S INCOME. SO I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE HERE, THOUGH,
6 WE'RE NOT PROPOSING ANYTHING RADICAL. SOURCE OF INCOME
7 PROTECTIONS THAT PREVENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST, IN THIS CASE
8 OR MANY CASES SECTION 8 VOUCHER HOLDERS, ARE IN PLACE NOW, ALL
9 THE WAY FROM WHERE I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA TO THE STATE OF
10 CONNECTICUT. A LOT OF CITIES, A LOT OF STATES ALREADY HAVE
11 THESE PROTECTIONS, WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN PROPOSED IN
12 SACRAMENTO. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? IT MEANS IF YOU CAN PAY YOUR
13 RENT, WE DO NOT WANT LANDLORDS TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST YOU IN
14 TERMS OF WHERE THE MONEY THAT YOU'RE PAYING THE RENT WITH CAME
15 FROM. AND, FRANKLY, SECTION 8 IS ONE PRETTY STEADY WAY OF
16 PAYING THE RENT. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE TAKING ADS IN
17 THE PAPER THAT SAY "NO SECTION 8 TENANTS." WE WOULD LIKE THAT
18 NOT TO BE THE CASE IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO
19 LONG AS A PERSON CAN PAY THEIR RENT, CAN SHOW A SOURCE OF
20 INCOME ON THEIR APPLICATION, WE BELIEVE THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE
21 ABLE TO RENT AN APARTMENT, GIVEN AN EQUAL CHANCE. THERE ARE
22 OTHER REASONS WHY PEOPLE ARE REJECTED. IF PEOPLE ARE TREATED
23 EQUALLY, THAT'S FINE. SO, MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO, AFTER MY
24 COLLEAGUES HAVE SPOKEN, CALL ON EMILIO SALAS, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE

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1 DIRECTOR FOR C.D.C./H.A.C.O.L.A., IN ORDER TO ASK HIM A
2 QUESTION OR TWO.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND THE
5 AUDIENCE THAT WE DON'T APPRECIATE SHOUTOUTS FROM THE AUDIENCE,
6 OR UNNECESSARY CLAPPING. SO WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP OUR CODE OF
7 CONDUCT HERE IN THE BOARDROOM. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK SUPERVISOR
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS TO SAY SOMETHING.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE SPEND
11 A LOT OF TIME ON THIS DAIS TALKING ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF
12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE CRISIS THAT ENVELOPS IT. TODAY WE
13 TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, AND I WANT TO
14 ACKNOWLEDGE AND SALUTE THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN
15 THIS REGARD. THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE CONTEMPLATED,
16 FOLLOWING A FEDERAL MANDATE, ALBEIT FROM A PREVIOUS, MORE
17 LIKE-MINDED ADMINISTRATION, TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR
18 HOUSING, THAT'S WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE ABOUT. THE COLLECTIVE
19 VALUES OF THIS BOARD ESSENTIALLY ASSERT AND AFFIRM THAT, AND
20 I'M MOST PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED IN THAT CONNECTION. AND THEY
21 WERE ALSO EMPHASIZED IN A RECENT REPORT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
22 REFERENCED ABOUT THE EPIDEMIC, THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS ON
23 KEY SECTORS OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES. NEXT MONTH, THE SAME ORGANIZATION THAT TOOK
25 LEADERSHIP, THAT IS ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, IS GOING TO

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1 REACH BACK AND AT THE SAME TIME REACH FORWARD ON THE ISSUE OF
2 THE HISTORIC PRACTICES OF REDLINING AND PREDATORY LENDING.
3 MIGHT I SAY THAT ALL OF THESE ARE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS WHEN WE
4 THINK ABOUT THE AFFORDABILITY CRISIS, BUT NOT ONLY THAT: THE
5 SERIES OF INJUSTICES AND INDIGNITIES TO WHICH PEOPLE ARE
6 SUBJECTED, DAY IN AND DAY OUT. MY VIEW IS THAT THIS MEASURE IS
7 SPOT-ON. IT CALLS IT OUT AND IT SEEKS TO HELP US DO SOMETHING
8 ABOUT IT. THESE DECADES-LONG INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES OF
9 DISCRIMINATION CONTINUE, AND HAS FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR
10 THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING-- THAT IS, THE
11 ECONOMIC PROSPERITY-- OF COMMUNITIES NEAR AND FAR. AND THIS
12 BOARD IS SAYING WE ARE PREPARED TO STAND UP AND CALL IT FOR
13 WHAT IT IS. AND SO THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF MEANINGFUL
14 STRATEGIES IS APPROPRIATE. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON
15 OUR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH PROPERTY OWNERS,
16 APARTMENT OWNERS, TO DETERMINE HOW THEY CAN BETTER DO WHAT'S
17 RIGHT, IN TERMS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THIS
18 COUNTY ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS. IF WE DO THAT, THEN WE
19 LIVE UP TO THE VERY NOTION OF FAIR HOUSING, AND THE TENANTS
20 THAT INFORMED IT IN THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY
21 ADVANCED. AND SO WE HAVE DEPARTMENTS THAT CAN DO THAT, FROM
22 THE C.D.C. TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.
23 WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN THIS, AND WE SHOULD BEHAVE ACCORDINGLY.
24 AND, MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANT TO THANK AGAIN SUPERVISOR
25 KUEHL, HER TEAM, AND AFFORDING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 COLLABORATE IN THIS IS MEANINGFUL TO ME ON A VARIETY OF
2 LEVELS, AND I SIMPLY HOPE THAT IT WILL ENJOY THE FULL SUPPORT
3 OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. MADAM CHAIR?

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH THE AUTHORS
8 OF THIS MOTION. OBVIOUSLY, I THINK IT'S VITAL THAT WE PUT IN
9 PLAY A FAIR HOUSING POLICY AND ANTIDISCRIMINATION. I MEAN, TO
10 ME IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE A NO-BRAINER, BUT OBVIOUSLY
11 IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO. BUT I'VE HEARD ANECDOTALLY,
12 AND I'D LIKE TO ASK IF WE'RE GOING TO GET A REPORT BACK THAT
13 WE ADDRESS THE FACT THAT THERE ARE THOSE THAT DON'T WANT TO
14 ACCEPT SECTION 8 HOUSING NOT BECAUSE OF THE PERCEIVED ELEMENT
15 OF THE INDIVIDUAL, BUT BECAUSE OF THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS AS
16 IT RELATES TO ACCEPTING SECTION 8 HOUSING. AND I WANT TO KNOW
17 IF THERE'S ANY ABILITY FOR US TO LOOK AT THE BUREAUCRATIC
18 PROCESS, AS IT RELATES TO MAYBE STREAMLINING SECTION 8
19 HOUSING. AND I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WHEN I MET WITH OUR
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR C.D.C., WHEN SHE FIRST TOOK OVER, I
21 THINK THE MOST EXCITING THING FOR ME WAS THAT SHE IDENTIFIED
22 THE FACT THAT THAT DEPARTMENT WAS OPERATING IN SILOS. AND YOU
23 HAD INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE IN SECTION 8 HOUSING THAT DID NOT
24 KNOW THAT THEY COULD APPLY FOR LOW-INTEREST HOUSING LOANS TO
25 GET THEM OUT OF SECTION 8 HOUSING. AND SHE BROKE DOWN THAT

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1 SILO AND FORCED THE TWO TO TALK. AND THERE WERE INDIVIDUALS
2 THAT DIDN'T KNOW THAT THEY WOULD QUALIFY FOR A LOAN. AND IT'S
3 A WIN-WIN. THEY GET OWNERSHIP, AND THEN ANOTHER SECTION 8 SLOT
4 OPENS UP. WHAT IS OUR CURRENT WAITING LIST ON SECTION 8
5 HOUSING RIGHT NOW?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE OVER 14,000 INDIVIDUALS.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, WE HAVE AN UPHILL BATTLE. AND EVERY SINGLE
10 ONE HAS A STORY TO TELL THAT IS COMPELLING, AS TO WHY THEY
11 DESERVE SECTION 8 HOUSING. SO I'M EXCITED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
12 THIS. I THINK WE NEED TO DO MORE. I KNOW THAT ON THE JULY 24TH
13 C.D.C. REPORT THAT WAS DONE, IT IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL COSTS OF
14 \$4.2 MILLION FOR THE COUNTY TO INITIATE ITS OWN HOME OWNERSHIP
15 PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE INDEPENDENT FROM THE FEDERALLY FUNDED
16 H.O.P. PROGRAM. REGARDING THE 5 MILLION IN THIS MOTION, IS IT
17 YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS FUNDING WOULD BE USED TO
18 IMPLEMENT A COUNTY-OWNED OWNERSHIP PROGRAM, OR IS IT SEPARATE?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THIS PARTICULAR MOTION DIRECTS US TO ACTUALLY DEVELOP
21 A BUDGET AND TO REPORT BACK ON THAT. WE ACTUALLY PROVIDED A
22 SUITE OF OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION, AND WE GAVE SOME ESTIMATES
23 THAT WERE RELATED TO THAT. SO WE'RE GOING TO REPORT BACK ON
24 HOW FAR THE 5 MILLION WOULD GO IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE SUSPENDED.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND AGAIN, I'M PLANNING ON SUPPORTING THIS.
3 I THINK IT'S A GOOD MOTION. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK BEYOND
4 JUST SECTION 8 HOUSING AND LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE
5 WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET AWAY FROM SECTION 8, AND ACTUALLY
6 OWN, HAVE THEIR OWN OWNERSHIP, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
7 TOWARD THAT END. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I, TOO, AM
10 PLANNING ON SUPPORTING THIS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR
11 BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I, TOO, HAVE HEARD THE STORIES FROM
12 MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS WHO WANT TO USE THEIR SECTION 8
13 VOUCHER AND CANNOT EITHER FIND A VACANCY OUT THERE, OR COME
14 ACROSS LANDLORDS WHO JUST WON'T SAY IT OUT LOUD. THEY HAVE NO
15 INTEREST IN RENTING TO SOMEONE WHO HAS A SECTION 8 VOUCHER.
16 NOW, I AGREE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'VE HEARD FROM MY FRIENDS IN
17 THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION AND MY LANDLORD FRIENDS WHO SAY IT'S
18 NOT REALLY THE PERSON. IT'S MORE THE BUREAUCRACY, WHETHER IT'S
19 THE INSPECTIONS OR WHATEVER, THAT JUST MAKE THEM UNWILLING TO
20 PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. I THINK WE-- THIS MOTION REALLY
21 LOOKS TO BREAK DOWN SOME BARRIERS OR OBSTACLES THAT FOLKS ARE
22 FINDING, AND HOPEFULLY THAT'S ONE OF THEM THAT WE CAN UNCOVER
23 AND WORK ON TOGETHER. AND I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE A NEW
24 DEMOGRAPHIC OF THOSE WHO ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, AND
25 THAT'S OUR FORMERLY HOMELESS. AND WE KNOW THAT MANY LANDLORDS

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1 OUT THERE JUST AREN'T WILLING TO SO-CALLED TAKE A RISK ON
2 SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN LIVING ON THE STREETS FOR THE LAST FEW
3 YEARS. AND THAT'S ANOTHER OBSTACLE WE HOPE TO-- AND I KNOW WE
4 HAVE PROGRAMS-- AGAIN, LANDLORD INCENTIVES-- WHERE WE WILL PAY
5 THE FIRST AND LAST MONTHS. WE'LL PAY THE SECURITY DEPOSIT.
6 WE'LL VET THE APPLICANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN MATCH A
7 PERSON WHO WE ARE WILLING TO TAKE A RISK ON WITH A LANDLORD.
8 SO A LOT OF ISSUES TO BREAK THIS DOWN. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT
9 WE HAVE 14,000 ON THE LIST. IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY A FEW YEARS
10 AGO, IT WAS 11,000, SO THAT NUMBER IS GROWING. BUT HOPEFULLY,
11 THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE CAN LOOK AT ALL ASPECTS TO ULTIMATELY
12 MAKE SURE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A PLACE WHERE THE FAIR
13 HOUSING ACT CAN THRIVE AND FLOURISH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU
14 WANT TO SAY SOMETHING AGAIN?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST WANTED TO ASK IF EMILIO, VERY BRIEFLY, CAN
17 EXPLAIN WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ENACT THE SOURCE OF INCOME
18 PROTECTION. BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST SECTION 8. I KNEW SOME
19 LANDLORDS THAT DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE PEOPLE IF THEY WERE
20 GETTING, YOU KNOW, PAID BY THEIR EXES, GETTING ALIMONY,
21 BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T SURE THAT THAT WAS ALWAYS GOING TO COME
22 IN. WELL, YOU'RE NOT SURE THAT SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE THEIR
23 JOB THE NEXT MONTH, EITHER. I MEAN, SOMEBODY-- THERE'S ALWAYS
24 A RISK. SO, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE SOURCE OF INCOME

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1 PROTECTION, TO INCLUDE SECTION 8 AND OTHER RENTAL ASSISTANCE
2 PROGRAMS?

3

4 **EMILIO SALAS:** YEAH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, AND REALLY, THIS IS

6 AN ORDINANCE THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED THROUGHOUT THIS

7 COUNTRY, AS MANY VOUCHER HOLDERS ARE FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT

8 TO SECURE RENTAL UNITS DUE TO THEIR SOURCE OF INCOME. BUT JUST

9 TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS PLAYS OUT LOCALLY,

10 CURRENTLY WE HAVE OVER 3,000 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THAT ARE

11 ACTIVELY SEARCHING FOR A UNIT WITH A VOUCHER RIGHT NOW. OF

12 THOSE, OVER 300 ARE VETERANS WITH A V.A.S.H. VOUCHER. WE HAVE

13 1200 FAMILIES THAT ARE SIMPLY MOVING FROM ONE UNIT TO ANOTHER.

14 AND WE'VE GOT 1800 FAMILIES THAT ARE FORMERLY HOMELESS, SOME

15 WHO ARE SEARCHING FOR A HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS

16 WITH A VOUCHER IN HAND, THAT ARE SEARCHING FOR HOUSING. LAST

17 YEAR, ALTHOUGH OUR LEASING PROCESS WAS LIMITED, THERE WERE

18 OVER 700 FAMILIES THAT LOST THEIR VOUCHER BECAUSE THEY WERE

19 UNABLE TO SECURE A UNIT IN TIME. WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, THAT

20 NUMBER WILL INCREASE. THERE WILL BE 1200 FAMILIES WHOSE

21 VOUCHER IS DUE TO EXPIRE WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. AND JUST TO

22 UNDERSTAND THIS PROBLEM, IT'S SIMPLY AN ISSUE OF SUPPLY AND

23 DEMAND. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE TIGHT RENTAL MARKET THAT WE

24 ARE IN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE'S ALREADY A SEGMENT OF THE

25 RENTAL MARKET THAT IS NOT AFFORDABLE TO OUR VOUCHER HOLDERS,

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1 SO THAT'S NOT EVEN AVAILABLE TO THEM. THEN, WHEN YOU LOOK AT
2 THOSE THAT ARE AFFORDABLE, WHEN YOU TAKE OUT THE CHUNK WHERE
3 PROPERTY OWNERS WILL NOT RENT TO THOSE ON RENTAL ASSISTANCE,
4 IT FURTHER LIMITS THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING. AND THIS
5 PROBLEM ISN'T JUST LIMITED TO THOSE THAT ARE SEARCHING FOR
6 HOUSING FOR THE FIRST TIME OR ARE MOVING. IT COULD ALSO
7 POTENTIALLY IMPACT VOUCHER HOLDERS THAT ARE STABLY HOUSED. AND
8 WE SAW THIS PLAY OUT LAST YEAR IN AN EXAMPLE THAT WAS PICKED
9 UP BY THE LOCAL NEWS CHANNELS, WHERE, DUE TO A CHANGE IN
10 OWNERSHIP, THE NEW COMPANY-- ACTUALLY, THIS WAS A REAL-ESTATE
11 MOGUL THAT PURCHASED TWO PROPERTIES HERE IN KOREATOWN.
12 INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS THE FORMER OWNER OF THE LOS ANGELES
13 CLIPPERS WHO BOUGHT THIS BUILDING, AND THEIR COMPANY HAD A
14 POLICY NOT TO RENT TO VOUCHER HOLDERS. SO SEVEN VETERANS THAT
15 HAD V.A.S.H. VOUCHERS IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED A 90-DAY NOTICE
16 THAT THEY NEEDED TO MOVE. NOW, THEY HAD YEARS OF GREAT RENTAL
17 HISTORY. THERE WERE NO LEASE VIOLATIONS. REALLY, THE ONLY
18 THING THAT HAPPENED WAS THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY CHOSE TO PAY
19 THEIR RENT, BECAUSE IT WAS A RENTAL SUBSIDY. SO THIS ORDINANCE
20 WOULD EXTEND PROTECTIONS TO THOSE THAT ARE STABLY HOUSED, AS
21 WELL. AND I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALSO-- AND YOU
22 HIGHLIGHTED THIS, SUPERVISOR-- TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS
23 ORDINANCE DOES NOT DO, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT FORCE PROPERTY
24 OWNERS TO RENT TO SECTION 8 INDIVIDUALS. WHAT IT DOES IS
25 SIMPLY PROVIDES A SECTION 8 PERSON THE ABILITY TO COME TO THE

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1 TABLE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, AND TO BE CONSIDERED
2 ALONGSIDE EVERYONE ELSE. IF YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO
3 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, FOLKS WON'T KNOW THAT YOU ALREADY DO
4 HAVE A GOOD RENTAL HISTORY. OVER HALF OF OUR FAMILIES ARE
5 WORKING FAMILIES THAT HAVE GREAT RENTAL HISTORY, THAT WOULD
6 STACK UP WELL NEXT TO ANYONE THAT DOESN'T HAVE A RENTAL
7 SUBSIDY, BUT IF THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT
8 THAT APPLICATION, YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW THAT. SO THIS SIMPLY
9 PROVIDES THAT AND EXTENDS THAT OPPORTUNITY TO THEM. AS YOU
10 STATED, OVER 15 STATES HAVE SUCH PROTECTIONS. NUMEROUS
11 COUNTIES AND CITIES, INCLUDING SANTA MONICA, DO HAVE SOURCE OF
12 INCOME PROTECTION. SO I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME THAT WE EXTEND
13 THAT TO EVERYONE IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO YOU
16 WANT TO CALL UP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP ON THIS
17 ITEM?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD CHANCELA AL-
20 MANSOUR, GREG SPIEGEL, LUPITA GONZALEZ, DR. GENEVIEVE
21 CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, JANET GAGNON, AND KATIE MCKEON PLEASE
22 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? WOULD ALSO THE
23 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ANTONIA RAMIREZ,
24 BRIAN ARROWSMITH, EDDIE ANDERSON, GEORGE BUZZETTI, HERMAN
25 HERMAN, JERARD WRIGHT, KAE BUTTERFIELD, PATRICIA BLAND, PAULA

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1 HAZZARD, REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, SUZETTE SHAW, AND PRECIOUS
2 YOUNG PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **CHANCELA AL-MANSOUR:** GOOD MORNING. I'M CHANCELA AL-MANSOUR,
7 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER. WE WERE
8 FOUNDED IN 1968 TO COMBAT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN LOS
9 ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I'VE BEEN DOING TENANT
10 ADVOCACY WORK FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
11 THE HOUSING SITUATION IN LOS ANGELES IS ON LIFE SUPPORT. THE
12 HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER, WE ASSIST OVER 20,000 FAMILIES A YEAR
13 WHO ARE FACING EVICTION OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EVICTED.
14 AND THE STORIES THAT WE HAVE HEARD OF 90-YEAR-OLDS WHO HAVE
15 BEEN LIVING IN THEIR APARTMENT FOR 15, 20 YEARS WITH NO
16 PROBLEM WITH THEIR SECTION 8 VOUCHER, WHO ALL OF A SUDDEN
17 RECEIVE A NOTICE. IF THEY'RE LUCKY, THE LANDLORD WILL COMPLY
18 WITH THE LAW AND GIVE THEM THE PROPER NOTICE, BUT IT'S A
19 NOTICE, NONETHELESS, THAT SAYS THEY HAVE TO LEAVE AND THAT
20 THEY HAVE NO RECOURSE, THAT THE LAW DOESN'T PROTECT THEM. AND
21 SO THIS LAW WOULD DEFINITELY PROTECT THOSE TENANTS. THIS LAW
22 WOULD MAKE THE VOUCHER PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE, ALSO. STUDIES
23 HAVE SHOWN THAT THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF SOURCE OF INCOME LAW
24 ON THE VOUCHER HOLDER'S ABILITY TO MOVE TO AN AREA OF HIGHER
25 OPPORTUNITY IS VERY IMPORTANT. THAT MEANS THOSE FAMILIES WILL

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1 HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO BETTER SCHOOLS, SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS, AND
2 SO FORTH. AND I CAN ALSO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT SOURCE OF
3 INCOME, IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **GREG SPIEGEL:** GREG SPIEGEL, WITH INNER CITY LAW CENTER. WE
8 WANT TO PUT OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION, ESPECIALLY THE
9 PROVISION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION.
10 I THINK OTHER PEOPLE HAVE ARTICULATED WHY IT'S IMPORTANT. I
11 WANT TO POINT OUT THAT LANDLORDS' INTERESTS ARE STILL GOING TO
12 BE PROTECTED UNDER THIS PROPOSAL. LANDLORDS WOULD HAVE ABILITY
13 TO SCREEN APPLICANTS FOR APPROVAL. THIS DOES NOTHING TO CHANGE
14 THAT. LANDLORDS CAN STILL EVICT TENANTS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY
15 WITH THE LEASE. THIS DOES NOTHING TO CHANGE THAT. LANDLORDS
16 RETAIN ALL THE CONTROLS THEY NEED TO DEAL WITH POTENTIALLY
17 DIFFICULT TENANTS. LANDLORDS MAY SAY THE PROBLEM ISN'T THE
18 TENANTS, IT'S THE RED TAPE THAT COME WITH THE SUBSIDIES, THAT
19 WASTE THEIR TIME AND MONEY. I DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARILY
20 TRUE. THREE YEARS AGO, I WORKED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
21 TO HELP TO TRY TO HOUSE HOMELESS VETERANS. WE CONVENED FOCUS
22 GROUPS WITH LANDLORDS, CREATED PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS ALL THEIR
23 NEEDS. AND WHAT HAPPENED? VERY FEW SIGNED UP. AND THE ONES WHO
24 DID WERE DOING SO FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES, AND WOULD HAVE
25 PARTICIPATED ANYWAY. WHAT I LEARNED IS THAT MOST LANDLORDS WHO

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1 DON'T PARTICIPATE, DON'T PARTICIPATE BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT
2 TO SERVE THIS POPULATION. IT'S THE PEOPLE THEY ARE REJECTING,
3 NOT THE PROGRAM.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **LUPITA GONZALEZ:** YES. MY NAME IS LUPITA GONZALEZ. I'M AN
8 ORGANIZER WITH ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA FOR COMMUNITY
9 EMPOWERMENT. I'M THE PERSON TO RECEIVE THESE TENANTS WITH
10 NOTICES. THE LANDLORDS, THEY NEED TO EVICT WITH 90 DAYS, AND
11 THEN THEY LOOKING FOR HOUSING, AND THEY SAYS, "THEY DON'T WANT
12 TO RENT ME BECAUSE I HAVE SECTION 8 VOUCHER." AND THEN WE HAVE
13 A CRISIS ALREADY. AND THEN WE NEED THIS PROTECTION. AND THEN I
14 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **JANET GAGNON:** JANET GAGNON, WITH THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF
19 GREATER LOS ANGELES. WE REPRESENT OVER 10,000 MOM AND POP
20 LANDLORDS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. THESE ARE NOT FACELESS
21 CORPORATIONS OR WALL STREET INVESTORS. THESE ARE THE ONES
22 PAINTING THE WALLS AND PLUNGING THE TOILETS THEMSELVES. THEY
23 DON'T HAVE PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY MANAGERS OR LAWYERS, AND THEY
24 WANT MONEY LIKE ANYBODY ELSE, YOU KNOW? THEY DON'T CARE IF
25 IT'S CALLED A VOUCHER, IF IT'S CALLED CASH. THE PROBLEM IS THE

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1 PROGRAM. THAT IS THE KEY PROBLEM, AND THEY'RE SUCKED INTO THIS
2 NIGHTMARE OF BUREAUCRACY. IT'S NOT A LITTLE INCONVENIENCE; IT
3 IS A HUGE PROBLEM THAT FORCES MANY OUT OF BUSINESS. AND I'VE
4 BEEN TOLD BY MANY OF OUR MEMBERS IF THEY HAVE TO TAKE MORE
5 SECTION 8, AND THEY ALREADY DO, THEY'LL GO BANKRUPT, BECAUSE
6 THERE'S LONG DELAYS IN PAYMENTS. THERE'S LOTS OF BUREAUCRACY.
7 THEY'RE FORCED INTO NEW CONTRACTS. THEY'RE FORCED INTO NEW
8 OBLIGATIONS. AND THERE'S DELAYS, DELAYS, DELAYS IN GETTING
9 PAYMENTS. AND THESE PEOPLE NEED THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY NEED TO
10 PAY FOR THEIR OWN MEDICAL CARE AND DAILY LIVING EXPENSES. SO
11 WE WOULD URGE AN EXCLUSION FOR OWNERS WITH 50 UNITS OR FEWER
12 IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BUT AS I UNDERSTAND THIS,
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THIS DOES NOT FORCE ANYONE TO TAKE VOUCHERS.
16 SO WE'RE JUST LOOKING TO WORK TOGETHER AND INCENTIVIZE
17 LANDLORDS TO CONSIDER EQUALLY PEOPLE WHO COME WITH SECTION 8
18 VOUCHERS. THIS IS NOT FORCING ANYONE.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT'S LIKE ANY OTHER ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW. WE
21 DIDN'T FORCE YOU TO TAKE QUEER PEOPLE, EITHER, BUT IT'S
22 AGAINST THE LAW TO TURN PEOPLE DOWN BECAUSE THEY'RE GAY AND
23 LESBIAN, SO THAT'S THE ONLY THING.

24

25 **JANET GAGNON:** AND WE'RE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.
3 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **KATIE MCKEON:** YES. GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON AT THIS
6 POINT. HAPPY NEW YEAR. KATIE MCKEON, ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC
7 COUNSEL. I'M HERE TO STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS
8 MOTION, ESPECIALLY THE RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
9 DRAFTING A SOURCE OF INCOME PROTECTION ORDINANCE. THIS
10 ORDINANCE CAN PROTECT A WIDE RANGE OF TENANTS, FROM THOSE
11 HOUSEHOLDS WHO NEED JUST ONE-TIME RENTAL ASSISTANCE DUE TO AN
12 EMERGENCY TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, TO THOSE WHO RELY ON
13 LONGER-TERM PROGRAMS, LIKE THE SECTION 8 VOUCHER. HOWEVER,
14 JUST TO REITERATE THE STATISTICS THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
15 MENTIONED, OVER TWO YEARS AGO, THE URBAN INSTITUTE CONDUCTED A
16 STUDY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND FOUND THAT THREE QUARTERS OF
17 LANDLORDS POINTBLANK REFUSED TO ACCEPT SECTION 8 VOUCHERS.
18 ANOTHER 10 PERCENT OF LANDLORDS EITHER ADDED ADDITIONAL
19 REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY DIDN'T PLACE ON TENANTS WITHOUT
20 VOUCHERS, OR THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A POLICY IN PLACE ABOUT
21 WHETHER THEY WOULD ACCEPT VOUCHERS OR NOT.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **KATIE MCKEON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **SUZETTE SHAW:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SUZETTE SHAW. I AM A
5 SKID ROW RESIDENT. I WRITE, TALK, AND ADVOCATE "SKID ROW FROM
6 A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE." I AM ALSO ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE WITH
7 LIVED EXPERIENCE WHO WAS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF BLACK
8 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE
9 TALKED ABOUT THIS MORNING, FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS,
10 FROM THE TEACHERS' STRIKE, TO BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
11 HOMELESSNESS, I CAN'T HELP BUT TO THINK OF THE IMPOVERISHED
12 NETWORK LINK TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF IT AND ALL OF IT, AND
13 HOW IT BASICALLY BEST DESCRIBES THE WHOLE IDEA OF EVEN BLACK
14 PEOPLE BEING THE DOMINANT FACTOR WHEN THE INTERSECTION OF
15 THESE NETWORKS COINCIDE. YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO THINK IN TERMS OF
16 HOW MYSELF HERE, HOW I ENDED UP LIVING FROM-- MOVING FROM A
17 HALF-A-MILLION, MILLION-DOLLAR NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND THE CORNER
18 FROM A COUNTRY CLUB, TO CALLING SKID ROW HOME WITHIN A MATTER
19 OF DAYS. AND THIS IS SIMPLY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE BLAME PEOPLE
20 AND PATHOLOGIZE THEM FOR WHO THEY ARE, ALL WHILE NOT CARING
21 FOR THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE WE'VE DECIDED WHO THEY
22 ARE.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUZETTE SHAW:** THIS MOTION IS VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I AM HOMELESS BY DESIGN. MY SHOPPING CART
6 IS RIGHT OVER THERE, TO MY RIGHT. I DON'T SPEAK OUT OF MY ASS;
7 I LIVE IT IN BONE AND FLESH. AND NO, I DO NOT APPROVE OF THIS
8 \$5 MILLION IS QUITE EXCESSIVE, AND IT HASN'T HELPED THE
9 HOMELESS PEOPLE AT ALL. SO I SAY MOST BLACK PEOPLE WHO ARE
10 HOMELESS ARE HARD-CORE DRUG ADDICTS, PIMPS, VIOLENT CRIMINAL
11 OFFENDERS, VIOLENT AGAINST WOMEN, ESPECIALLY HOMELESS WOMEN.
12 THEY BULLY, THEY MOB-LYNCH, THEY GANG-STALK, THEY HARASS, AND
13 THEY ALSO CUT IN LINE, AND THEY STEAL, STEAL, STEAL. THEFT AND
14 VIOLENCE IS A DAILY OCCURRENCE IF YOU ARE HOMELESS. AND IF
15 YOU'RE A FEMALE, YOU GET IT WORSE. SO I DON'T HEAR THESE BLACK
16 SKID ROW [EXPLETIVE] CALLING OR YELLING "RACISM,"
17 "DISCRIMINATION," OR "SEGREGATION." WHY DON'T THEY YELL OUT
18 "DISCRIMINATION, RACISM" WHEN THEY ARE BEATING YOU UP OR
19 ROBBING YOU? WHY AREN'T THEY DOING THAT? YET I SIT THERE, AND
20 I GET ATTACKED OR BEATEN, OR SO DO OTHER WOMEN. WHO HELPS US?
21 NOBODY. FIRST, PUT THOSE [EXPLETIVE] IN A TREATMENT, A MENTAL
22 TREATMENT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ENOUGH. OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** PUT THEM IN A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GET TREATMENT.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

4 YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME IS UP. [YELLING CONTINUES.]

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE. PLEASE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS! THAT'S WHY I HAVE MY CART THERE,

9 AND I'VE BEEN HOMELESS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, SHE IS DISRUPTING

12 THE MEETING AND USING INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MORE DISRUPTIVE THAN I THINK OUGHT TO BE

15 TOLERATED, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT SHE

16 NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THESE CHAMBERS ON THAT BASIS FOR

17 AT LEAST TWO MONTHS, MADAM CHAIR. [YELLING CONTINUES.]

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, ORDER. ORDER IN THE COURT.

20 ORDER. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, WOULD YOU PLEASE ESCORT, JUST FOR

21 TODAY, THIS WOMAN OUT OF OUR BOARDROOM. THANK YOU. NEXT

22 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S BRIAN ARROWSMITH.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, AFTERNOON ALREADY.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** ACTUALLY, IT IS. THANK YOU. I'M A LANDLORD, BEEN A
4 LANDLORD, FOR 30 YEARS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GET CLOSE TO THE MICROPHONE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. OUR OBJECTION RELATES ONLY TO UNFAIR BURDENSOME
9 ASPECTS OF THE OUTDATED SECTION 8 PROGRAM, AND NOT WITH THE
10 SECTION 8 VOUCHER HOLDERS THEMSELVES. I THINK MOST LANDLORDS
11 DON'T REALLY CARE WHERE MONEY COMES FROM, AS LONG AS IT COMES
12 IN IN A REASONABLE MANNER. TO US, THIS IS ABOUT PROCESSES.
13 THIS IS ABOUT TIMELY INSPECTIONS, ABOUT REASONABLE SOLUTIONS.
14 IF THERE'S MINOR IMPACTS ON A UNIT BECAUSE AN INSPECTION
15 FAILS, ALLOW FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS TO--

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN WE SHUT THE DOOR OVER THERE, PLEASE?
18 THANK YOU. LET'S GIVE RESPECT TO EVERYONE WHO HAS COME TO
19 SPEAK. CONTINUE. WE'LL GIVE HIM A LITTLE EXTRA TIME, BECAUSE I
20 COULD HARDLY HEAR ONE WORD HE WAS SAYING. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SO MY POINT IS, THIS IS JUST ABOUT THE BUSINESS
23 ASPECTS OF THE SECTION 8 PROCESS. WE'VE EXPERIENCED WHERE
24 INSPECTIONS OCCUR. FAILURES ARE CITED DUE TO MINOR
25 INFRACTIONS, SUCH AS A CRACKED SWITCH PLATE, AND IT CAN TAKE

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1 10 OR 15 DAYS TO GET A REINSPECTION. IF WE COULD MAKE REPAIRS
2 ON THE SPOT, OR IF A LANDLORD AND TENANT COULD AGREE TO SIGN
3 OFF MUTUALLY THAT THE REPAIR HAD BEEN MADE, AND ALLOW THE
4 TENANT TO TAKE POSSESSION IMMEDIATELY, IF PAYMENTS COME IN
5 MORE TIMELY, IF INITIAL PAYMENTS WERE ISSUED MORE QUICKLY,
6 THEN WE'D BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAYBE HEARING
9 SOME OF YOUR OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER.
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **EDDIE ANDERSON:** EXCUSE ME. EDDIE ANDERSON, WITH THE HORACE
13 HEIGHT ESTATES. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST THE VOUCHER
14 HOLDERS. IT'S THE PROGRAM, AS WRITTEN, IS WHAT I OPPOSE. WE'RE
15 A SMALL BUSINESS, A SMALL APARTMENT COMMUNITY IN SHERMAN OAKS,
16 AND WE HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE THAT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR 60
17 YEARS. AND WITH THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM, IT'S GOING TO
18 COMPLICATE WHAT WE'RE SET OUT AND TRYING TO DO. AND THAT JUST
19 SLOWS THINGS DOWN, WAITING FOR INSPECTIONS AND APPROVALS, AND
20 JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN AFFORD. WE CAN'T ABSORB THAT
21 COST. WE ARE NOT A LARGE FIRM. WE ARE A SMALL BUSINESS. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **PATRICIA BLAND:** HI. MY NAME IS PATRICIA BLAND, AND I ALSO WORK
2 FOR HORACE HEIGHT ESTATES, AS WELL. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
3 THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO, AS AN OWNER, BE ABLE TO CHOOSE AND
4 PICK WHO WE WOULD LIKE, AS FAR AS SECTION 8 VOUCHERS GO, AND
5 THAT I JUST DON'T THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO,
6 YOU KNOW, TAKE CONTROL OF THE OWNERS' PROPERTY, BASICALLY. I
7 THINK THAT THAT'S BASICALLY TAKING CONTROL OF WHAT THE OWNER
8 HAS. SO THAT'S ABOUT IT.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **KAE BUTTERFIELD:** MY NAME IS KAE BUTTERFIELD. I'M ALSO WITH
13 HORACE HEIGHT ESTATES. AND IT'S NOT SO MUCH ABOUT SECTION 8
14 THAT BOTHERS US; IT'S THE RED TAPE AND THE DURATION OF TIME
15 SPENT IN TRYING TO MAKE IT ALL WORK. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON
16 SECTION 8, WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH, WHATSOEVER. THEY'RE
17 GOOD FOLKS. THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **PAULA HAZZARD:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAULA HAZZARD. I
22 AM A TRIPLEX OWNER. AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 29, I PURCHASED A
23 TRIPLEX BECAUSE I COULDN'T AFFORD THE RENT, BUT I HAD THE DOWN
24 PAYMENT. I'VE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH THAT TRIPLEX. SO I GOT
25 MARRIED. TALKED MY HUSBAND INTO BUYING ANOTHER ONE. AND WE

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1 LIVED IN ONE OF THE APARTMENTS VERY NICELY, HAD A FAMILY, AND
2 THEN THE TROUBLE BEGAN. SOMEONE CAME TO US AND SAID, "WILL YOU
3 TAKE A SECTION 8 VOUCHER?" I HAD NO IDEA WHAT SECTION 8 REALLY
4 COMPRISED OF, SO WE LOOKED INTO IT. SOUNDED OKAY, AND DID IT.
5 THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN MY LIFE I REMEMBER AS BEING HORRIBLE
6 EXPERIENCES. I WAS IN A BOATING ACCIDENT, THOUGHT WE WERE ALL
7 GOING TO DIE. I REMEMBER THAT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. I HAD A
8 CAR ACCIDENT. I REMEMBER MY PARENTS REALLY REPRIMANDING ME.
9 GETTING INVOLVED WITH SECTION 8 IS A FOND HORRIBLE MEMORY. I
10 WOULD NEVER, EVER RECOMMEND IT, THE WAY IT IS NOW.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS.

13

14 **PAULA HAZZARD:** YOU SHOULD KNOW--

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP, UNFORTUNATELY.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT THE PEOPLE; IT'S THE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DEALING WITH A PROBLEM BECAUSE
23 ONE OF MY FRIENDS HAD TO MOVE OUT OF MY CITY. HE COULDN'T
24 AFFORD IT. SO I STARTED DOING SOME RESEARCHING, AND I WANT
25 EVERYBODY TO HEAR THIS. CHINA IS ON ITS WAY TO BECOMING THE

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1 MOST DOMINANT LANDOWNER IN THE UNITED STATES. SHOULD THAT
2 ALARM OUR COUNTRY? WE'RE OVER HERE FIGHTING WITH LANDLORDS AND
3 TENANTS. IF WE DON'T GO AHEAD, THEY HAVE THE NOTE ON OUR DEBT.
4 IF THEY GO AHEAD AND DOMINATE US ON OUR LAND, BELIEVE ME, THE
5 PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS WILL GO AHEAD AND AFFECT EVERY LEVEL
6 OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE. BECAUSE AS I
7 DID MY RESEARCH, I FOUND OUT THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS IN
8 THEIR FAVOR TO KEEP REAL ESTATE HIGH: THE PRICE OF IT. BECAUSE
9 THEN IT FALLS INTO THE FAVOR OF THEIR CITIZENS VERSUS OUR
10 CITIZENS NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD IT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **JERARD WRIGHT:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD AFTERNOON. JERARD WRIGHT,
15 POLICY MANAGER FOR L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. I'D LIKE
16 TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN FOR THE COMMENTS ABOUT
17 LOOKING AT THE SYSTEM, AS WELL, THE BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM AND
18 THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS WITHIN SECTION 8, BECAUSE THAT'S
19 REALLY THE CORE OF THE ISSUE. AND I THINK THIS STUDY IS A GOOD
20 OPPORTUNITY TO USE THAT, TO STUDY IT, TO IMPROVE IT, TO MAKE
21 IT BETTER, SO THAT IF THAT IS ENFORCED, THERE IS A WAY OF
22 BRIDGING THAT GAP. SO I THINK WE'LL BE PARTNERS AND WOULD LIKE
23 TO WORK TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WITH YOU. ALSO WANT TO SEE
24 INCLUDED WITH THE GENTRIFICATION DISPLACEMENT STUDY WITHIN
25 THAT CONTEXT OF, WHERE IS OUR HOUSING SUPPLY COMING FROM?

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1 BECAUSE THAT'S A DIRECT CORRELATION WITH OUR GENTRIFICATION
2 AND DISPLACEMENT. WHAT CAUSES IT IS THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN
3 BUILDING ENOUGH SUPPLY, AND WHEN WE FINALLY DO, BECAUSE OF
4 N.I.M.B.Y.ISM, BECAUSE OF OTHER OUTSIDE FACTORS, THAT CREATES
5 A LOT OF DISPLACEMENT. IT CREATES A LOT OF THE GENTRIFICATION
6 ISSUES. SO THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN A GOOD STRONG LOOK AT, AS
7 WELL, WITHIN THAT STUDY. ONE FINAL QUESTION: WITHIN THE
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUDGET, IS THAT CONSIDERED MEASURE H FUNDS,
9 OR IS THAT ANOTHER POT OF MONEY? THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, YES, TO THE GENTLEMAN TO MY LEFT. WE SEE
14 THAT THIS IS LIKE NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN IT COMES TO SECTION
15 8. HOW WOULD I KNOW THAT? BECAUSE I'VE ASSISTED PEOPLE IN
16 FILLING OUT THAT APPLICATION FOR SECTION 8, EVEN AT THE TIME,
17 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, WHEN THEY HAD THE PURPOSE OF A VOUCHER.
18 HOWEVER, MANY RESIDENTS FACE DIFFICULTIES IN ACCESS TO HOUSING
19 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND AS YOU HEARD
20 EARLIER IN MY COLLEAGUE, WHO WAS REMOVED FROM THIS PODIUM
21 UNDER BRANDENBURG VERSUS OHIO, FIRST AMENDMENT, THERE WAS
22 NOTHING WRONG IN HER CONTENT. SHE WAS EXPRESSING HER OPINION
23 ABOUT WHY THE [EXPLETIVE] [EXPLETIVE] [EXPLETIVE] WITH HER.

24

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1 **ATTORNEY:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. EXCUSE ME, SIR. YOUR CONDUCT IS
2 DISRUPTIVE.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I HOPE YOU KNOW PEOPLE IN OUR AUDIENCE HAVE
5 COMPLAINED TO ME. PUTTING UP WITH YOUR LANGUAGE OFFENDS THEM,
6 AND THEY ARE GIVEN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE OF YOUR
7 LANGUAGE. THERE'S OTHER PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE THAT DON'T WANT
8 TO HEAR YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOT IF YOU USE THAT LANGUAGE.

11

12 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MAY I HAVE AN EXTENSION OF MY TIME, PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO.

15

16 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I'LL PICK IT UP FOR YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, MR. PREVEN'S NEXT.

19

20 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NO PROBLEM.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M NEXT. I'M NEXT.

23

24 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NO PROBLEM.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** BUT I'M NEXT.

2

3 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** WE'LL PLAY.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

6

7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI** YOU TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

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9 **>>ERIC PREVEN:** WE'RE ALL TAKING A DEEP BREATH. IT'S ERIC

10 PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

11

12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** THEY NEED TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** FAIR ENOUGH. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD

15 DISTRICT.

16

17 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** FOLLOW THE LAW.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. BUZZETTI, MR. PREVEN HAS THE FLOOR.

20

21 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NO PROBLEM.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO PROBLEM. ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT,

24 AND, YOU KNOW, THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM IS EVERYWHERE,

25 AND IN STUDIO CITY WE HAD A LITTLE MEETING. AND WE HAVE A

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1 GREAT PITCHFORK BRIGADE THAT LINES UP AGAINST OUR KUMBAYAS WHO
2 WANT TO BE MORE COMPASSIONATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THE
3 OTHER NIGHT, A 27-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO WORKS IN A DISPENSARY
4 RAISED HER LITTLE HAND AND SPOKE TO OUR GROUP. AND THEY
5 IMMEDIATELY SAID, "WELL, I KNOW YOU WANT TO LIVE IN STUDIO
6 CITY BECAUSE IT'S SO FAR TO TRAVEL, BUT-- [DISTURBANCE.]

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, HOLD. LET'S HOLD THE TIME. PLEASE TAKE
9 THOSE CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE, IF POSSIBLE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S THE VERY POINT OF
12 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR, WITH THAT PROVOCATIVE SPEECH. THAT'S WHY
13 IT SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN THIS BOARDROOM.

14

15 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU BETTER STUDY THE LAW, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXCUSE ME, SIR, I'LL SHOW YOU RESPECT.
18 JUST LET ME FINISH THIS STATEMENT.

19

20 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU DON'T SHOW ME RESPECT, EVER.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M DOING IT RIGHT NOW. BUT I'VE NEVER
23 HEARD YOU USE RACIST LANGUAGE.

24

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I HEAR IT ALL THE TIME IN THE INNER CITY,
2 EVERY OTHER WORD.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT YOU DON'T USE IT, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE
5 PERMITTED.

6

7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** DON'T YOU GO THERE?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PARDON ME FOR A MOMENT. IT IS PROVOCATIVE.
10 IT CREATES DISRUPTION AND DISTURBANCE. AND WE SHOULD AT LEAST
11 NOT BE PRONE TO ENGAGE IN THAT IN THIS SPACE. AND IF IT
12 HAPPENS, I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE SWIFTLY DEALT WITH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. BUZZETTI, IF YOU--

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHY DON'T YOU LET HIM GO? LET HIM GO.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. MR. PREVEN, YOU HAVE--

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** I GET ONE MINUTE. THAT'S NOT FAIR. JUST LET HIM
21 GO. GO AHEAD. AND THEN I'LL GO.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME, MR. BUZZETTI. PLEASE.

24

25 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** IS IT MY TURN TO SPEAK?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. MR. PREVEN, YOU HAVE 38 MORE SECONDS.
3 PLEASE CONTINUE.

4

5 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** DIDN'T HE HAVE A FULL MINUTE? HE WAS
6 INTERRUPTED.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. BUZZETTI, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO REMOVE
9 YOU?

10

11 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NO.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HE DOESN'T NEED YOU TO ASK HIM.
14 MR. PREVEN, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** MAY I AT LEAST GET TWO MINUTES TODAY?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. 38 SECONDS.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** BUT I HAVE TIME LEFT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE 38 SECONDS. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, SO THIS WOMAN SPOKE UP AT OUR MEETING. AND
25 OUR NASTY NEIGHBORS WERE MELTED BY HER ANSWERS, WHICH WERE, "I

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1 CAN'T GET THERE. I WANT TO LIVE THERE. I WORK THERE. I'M A
2 MANAGER. I WORK IN A LABORATORY. YOU KNOW, I CAN PAY UP TO
3 1300. WHERE CAN I FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING?" AND ALL OF OUR
4 MEAN NEIGHBORS TRIED TO, "WELL, YOU WANT TO LIVE IN-- I WANT
5 TO LIVE IN BEVERLY HILLS, BUT I CAN ONLY AFFORD STUDIO CITY.
6 WHY DON'T YOU TOUGH IT OUT?" YOU KNOW, THE BOOTSTRAPPERS. BUT
7 IT WAS VERY POWERFUL, BECAUSE AT THE END, THEY WERE ALL
8 EXHAUSTED, ALL OF OUR NASTY NEIGHBORS, AND THEY TRIED TO HELP.
9 SO HOW ABOUT A BULLETIN BOARD AT THE LIBRARY TO CONNECT PEOPLE
10 WHO HAVE A ROOM WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LIVE WHERE THEY WORK?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN, FOR BEING PATIENT.
13 MR. BUZZETTI?

14

15 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** IT'S TIME THIS BOARD FOLLOWS THE LAW THAT I
16 GAVE YOU IN 2012. AND, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT
17 THE LAW. YOU HAVEN'T PROTECTED--

18

19 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU'RE HERE ON 1-D. SIR, YOU'RE UP HERE TO
20 ADDRESS ITEM 1-D.

21

22 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU SHUT UP, MARY WICKHAM.

23

24 **ATTORNEY:** MR. BUZZETTI, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

25

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU SHUT UP, MARY WICKHAM. YOU LET EVERYBODY
2 ELSE TALK TO IT. YOU HAVE NO FAIRNESS HERE. YOU DON'T FOLLOW
3 THE LAW. YOU'RE AT THE STATE BAR RIGHT NOW, LADY.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. JUST HOLD IT A SECOND. MR. BUZZETTI?

6

7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** FOOLS!

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. BUZZETTI, STAY ON TOPIC AND WE'LL LET
10 YOU CONTINUE.

11

12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO FOLLOW THE LAW?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. YOU HAVE 20 SECONDS LEFT.

15

16 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU'RE BUILDING FOR 600,000 TO \$350,000 THAT
17 I GAVE YOU A \$65,000 BID. YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO TAKE THESE
18 PEOPLE OFF THE STREET, BECAUSE YOU'RE [EXPLETIVE] YOUR
19 FRIENDS, YOU PIGS. AND NOW, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO MY WEBSITE,
20 FRAUDBUSTER.ORG, AND JUST TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS
21 I'VE ALREADY GIVEN TO THE D.O.J. YOU THINK THEY'RE NOT USING
22 THEM? YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE HELL I'M BRINGING DOWN ON ALL OF
23 YOU FOR THIS.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** AND YOU WANT TO TRY TO PUT ME INTO THE STATE
3 MENTAL FARM? YOU'RE THE ONES THAT DESERVE IT. I'M NOT
4 INCOMPETENT. YOU'RE FOOLS AND LAWBREAKERS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PLEASE.

7

8 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** YES, HI. I'M PRECIOUS YOUNG.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PRECIOUS.

11

12 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** I BELIEVE FAIR HOUSING IS FAIR IF IT CAN BE
13 OBTAINED. I WAS ONE OF THE VICTIMS THAT HAD A SECTION 8
14 VOUCHER, AND SINCE I DIDN'T FIND SOMETHING IN THE 60 DAYS
15 ALLOWED, I LOST MY VOUCHER. AND THAT FORCED ME TO GO INTO
16 BEING HOMELESS AND TRYING TO FIGURE OTHER THINGS OUT FOR
17 MYSELF AND MY CHILDREN. SO, YES, FAIR HOUSING IS WONDERFUL IF
18 IT CAN BE OBTAINED AND IF IT CAN BE ACQUIRED. LIKE THEY SAID,
19 A LOT OF FOLKS DON'T WANT TO TAKE SECTION 8 VOUCHERS. SO THAT
20 PUTS YOU IN ANOTHER BRACKET WHERE YOU HAVE TO TRY TO FIND
21 SOMETHING AFFORDABLE UNDER YOUR PAY ALLOWANCE OF WHAT YOU
22 ACQUIRE. SO AT \$1200, IT'S HARD TO FIND A SUITABLE PLACE FOR
23 MYSELF AND MY CHILDREN. SO AT THE CURRENT MOMENT, I BELIEVE 5
24 MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH. I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE MORE ALLOWED,

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1 ALLOCATED, SO THAT TO PROVIDE, TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, FOR THIS
2 PARTICULAR THING TO BE FEASIBLE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. DESIRE.

5

6 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** HI. SO, THIS IS SEVERAL ISSUES WHY THIS
7 FAIR HOUSING, AFFORDABLE ACT, OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT,
8 IS NOT GOING FLY IN L.A.: BECAUSE YOU HAVE A LOT OF OWNERS,
9 FIRST OF ALL, WHO ARE KOREAN, WHO ARE ARMENIAN, WHO ARE OTHER
10 RACES, AND LATINO. YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF NATIVE OWNERSHIP
11 ANYMORE. SO THE LANDLORDS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND HOMELESSNESS--
12 AND IT'S TWO MINUTES, ACTUALLY, SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S--
13 CORRECT?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO.

16

17 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** WE ONLY GET ONE MINUTE?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MM-HMM.

20

21 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** OKAY. SO, TO OPEN THE PLAYING FIELD FOR
22 EMPLOYMENT, OUR PROGRAMS-- BECAUSE A LOT OF THE FAMILIES ON
23 SECTION 8, THEY WANT TO GET OUT OF IT. AND SO WE WANT TO
24 CREATE A NEW SYSTEM, SO THAT WAY EMPLOYMENT CAN INCREASE AND
25 ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAN BE ENCOURAGED, RATHER THAN GETTING A

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1 HANDOUT. A LOT OF THE RACISM HAS PUT A LOT OF PEOPLE DOWN WHO
2 DO WANT TO GET OUT OF SECTION 8. SO UNLESS WE ARE GIVING OUT
3 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE BLACKS IN SOUTH L.A., FOR THE MANY
4 MINORITIES IN SOUTH L.A., NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO COME TO
5 FRUITION, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO GO INTO THE DEVELOPERS' HANDS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DOCTOR.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE
14 CLAVREUL, AND I AM IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION, BUT I HAVE A
15 LITTLE BIT OF QUESTIONS. YOU KNOW, PERSONALLY, I DON'T KNOW
16 HOW LONG CAN YOU USE SECTION 8, AND EVERYBODY I'VE ASKED
17 CANNOT GIVE ME AN ANSWER. BUT ONE THING I AM SO SAD ABOUT
18 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE HOMELESS, YOU KNOW, FOR THE LAST FEW
19 WEEKS, THERE WAS A HOMELESS MAN BY NATE'S PARKING LOT, AND
20 LAST WEEK THEY TORE THE CANOPY AND THE BENCH, AND NOW HE'S IN
21 THE RAIN. CAN ANYTHING BE DONE ABOUT THAT ONE SINGLE
22 INDIVIDUAL? THAT BREAKS MY HEART. AND HE MAY BE MENTALLY
23 HEALED, BUT PROVIDE CARE. PLEASE DO.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE
2 THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE ITEMS 1-D, 1-H, AND 5 THAT
7 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF THERE'S NO
9 OBJECTIONS, AND SEEING NONE, FOR A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL
10 BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM 2, THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IMPACT ON CALFRESH. THIS WAS HELD BY
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I DO HAVE TWO
15 SPEAKERS, ALSO, ON THE ITEM. SOME OF US ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE
16 ACTION CURRENTLY TAKEN BY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION THAT I
17 BELIEVE JEOPARDIZES THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE
18 UNITED STATES. IN FACT, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FEDERALLY FUNDED
19 PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
20 KNOWN AS S.N.A.P., REFERRED TO HERE IN CALIFORNIA AS CALFRESH.
21 MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND, BUT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE
22 SERVE APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILLION COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHICH OVER
23 HALF A MILLION HAPPEN TO BE CHILDREN. AND THEY RELY ON OUR
24 CALFRESH PROGRAM AND OUR S.N.A.P. PROGRAM. WE HAVE FUNDING FOR
25 JANUARY, POSSIBLY THROUGH FEBRUARY, BUT IF THIS GOES ON, THEN

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1 WE ARE IN, I THINK, DIRE SITUATION HERE IN CALIFORNIA. I'VE
2 ASKED ANTONIA JIMENEZ, OUR DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC SOCIAL
3 SERVICES, TO WALK US THROUGH WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD MEAN HERE
4 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THIS MOTION SIMPLY ASKS FOR A FIVE-
5 SIGNATURE LETTER TO BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES,
6 TELLING THEM THE DEVASTATING IMPACT IT WILL HAVE IF WE DON'T
7 PROVIDE THESE SERVICES, THE CALFRESH PROGRAM AND S.N.A.P.
8 PROGRAM, TO THESE MANY RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE HERE IN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT TO
13 OUR CALFRESH PARTICIPANTS. CALFRESH IS ALSO KNOWN AS S.N.A.P.,
14 AS THE SUPERVISOR SAID, WITH ABOUT 1.1 MILLION PEOPLE WHO
15 RECEIVE SERVICES, AND ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THEM ARE CHILDREN.
16 ON JANUARY 8TH, WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
17 AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AND THEY ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO THE
18 PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, FUNDING WAS GOING TO BE
19 AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, BUT ALL STATES NEEDED TO
20 HAVE THE CALFRESH FOR FEBRUARY PROCESSED BY NO LATER THAN
21 JANUARY 20TH. SO, WE REPRESENT 85 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT
22 HAVE MET ALL OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS, WILL GET THEIR CALFRESH
23 BENEFITS IN JANUARY, ON JANUARY 16TH. AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
24 NOT MET THEIR REQUIREMENTS, WE WILL BE PROCESSING THEM AS THEY
25 SUBMIT THEIR DOCUMENTATION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS

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1 ESTABLISHED A RESERVE TO PAY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
2 NOT SUBMITTED THEIR DOCUMENTATION. AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT BY
3 THE END OF THE MONTH, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO PAY FOR 100
4 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MONTH OF
5 FEBRUARY, ONLY. SO, WE'VE DONE A LOT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
6 CLIENTS ARE AWARE OF THIS. WE HAVE A HUGE SOCIAL MEDIA
7 CAMPAIGN. WE'VE DONE TARGETED TEXT MESSAGES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO
8 HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEIR DOCUMENTATION, SO THAT THEY CAN GET
9 THERE. WE'VE ALSO DONE A LOT OF TEXT MESSAGING TO LET THEM
10 KNOW THAT THIS IS IN ADVANCE, WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE TO LEARN
11 HOW TO BUDGET THESE DOLLARS BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 1ST, SO THAT
12 THEY ARE AWARE THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY AN EVENT, AND
13 THAT THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO BUDGET THIS. AND SO WE'RE VERY
14 CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE WOULD THINK THAT THIS IS EXTRA MONEY,
15 WHEN IN FACT IT'S REALLY NOT. IT'S JUST IN ADVANCE FOR THE
16 FEBRUARY ALLOCATION. SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
17 STATE AND WITH THE FEDS. AS OF RIGHT NOW, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT
18 WOULD HAPPEN AFTER FEBRUARY. BUT WE'RE MEETING ON A DAILY
19 BASIS. WE HAVE A 1:00 CALL WITH THE STATE EVERY DAY, AND SO
20 THEY KEEP US ABREAST OF WHAT'S GOING ON, ON THE FEDERAL
21 GOVERNMENT.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST ADD THAT THE FIVE-
24 SIGNATURE LETTER WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT, THE
25 SECRETARY OF U.S.D.A, THE HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP, AND OUR

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1 L.A. COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AS WELL AS OUR NEW
2 GOVERNOR, GAVIN NEWSOM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
3 FOR CALIFORNIA. SO, MADAM CHAIR, WITH THAT, I KNOW WE HAVE TWO
4 OTHER SPEAKERS, UNLESS THERE'S QUESTIONS ON THIS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU CALL UP THE
7 SPEAKERS? THERE'S NO BOARD MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK RIGHT NOW.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
10 PLEASE COME FORWARD AS I CALL YOUR NAME: MICHAEL FLOOD,
11 YOLANDA ARIAS, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, EVELIN TAMAYO, GABRIELLE
12 TILLEY, HERMAN HERMAN, NANCY VOLPERT, RACHEL TUCKER, REVEREND
13 DR. MELLO DESIRE, AND PRECIOUS YOUNG. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
14 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WELCOME. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME
17 FOR THE RECORD.

18

19 **MICHAEL FLOOD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MICHAEL FLOOD. I SERVE AS
20 C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK, AND I ALSO SERVE
21 ON THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. AND I'M HERE IN
22 SUPPORT OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. AS DIRECTOR JIMENEZ
23 MENTIONED, THE IMPACT ON THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT RELY ON CALFRESH
24 IS GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT, UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE AT THE
25 FEDERAL LEVEL OR AT THE STATE LEVEL. SO I'M VERY PLEASED TO

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1 SEE THAT THIS LETTER IS GOING TO BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE
2 LEVEL, THAT IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACT, THAT IF
3 SOMEHOW THE NEW GOVERNOR AND HIS ADMINISTRATION CAN TAKE SOME
4 STEPS TO DO SOMETHING WITH REGARDS TO THE IMPACT. AS YOU'VE
5 NOTICED IN SOME OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION I THINK WAS
6 MENTIONED, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 560,000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 1.1 MILLION RECIPIENTS, NEARLY HALF WHO
8 ARE CHILDREN. SO THAT GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF THE TREMENDOUS
9 IMPACT IF THESE BENEFITS ARE CUT OFF AFTER FEBRUARY. WHERE
10 WILL MANY PEOPLE TURN? THEY WILL TURN TO CHARITABLE FOOD
11 ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FOOD BANK AND THE MANY AGENCIES AND
12 FOOD PANTRIES WE SERVE. WHILE OUR FOOD SUPPLY IS PRETTY GOOD
13 COMING OUT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, I DON'T NEED TO KIND OF TELL
14 YOU THAT THE IMPACT OF HAVING MORE THAN HALF A MILLION
15 HOUSEHOLDS TRYING TO SEEK FOOD ASSISTANCE, HOW MUCH THAT COULD
16 OVERWHELM THE CHARITABLE FOOD SYSTEM. SO THIS IS A CRITICAL
17 MOTION. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS'
18 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND AGAIN, IN FAVOR. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **YOLANDA ARIAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
24 TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE IMPACT THE LOSS OF CALFRESH BENEFITS
25 COULD HAVE ON LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE?

3

4 **YOLANDA ARIAS:** MY NAME IS YOLANDA ARIAS, AND I AM THE MANAGING
5 ATTORNEY OF THE ECONOMIC STABILITY WORKGROUP AT THE LEGAL AID
6 FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. IN 2018, L.A.F.L.A. PROVIDED LEGAL
7 ASSISTANCE TO SEVERAL HUNDRED CALFRESH RECIPIENTS WHO HAD LOST
8 OR WERE AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR CALFRESH BENEFITS. SO WE'RE
9 VERY WELL AWARE OF THE IMPACT THAT SUCH A LOSS HAS ON A FAMILY
10 OR AN INDIVIDUAL STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. OUR CLIENTS ARE
11 FAMILIES WHO RECEIVE BOTH CALW.O.R.K.S AND CALFRESH, WHERE
12 CHILDREN ARE DEPRIVED OF SOME KIND OF PARENTAL SUPPORT, SUCH
13 AS AN ABSENT, DECEASED, OR DISABLED PARENT. OUR CLIENTS ARE
14 ALSO LOW-INCOME WAGE EARNERS WHO BARELY MAKE ENOUGH TO KEEP A
15 ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS, AND THEY RELY ON CALFRESH TO FEED THEIR
16 FAMILIES. OUR CLIENTS ARE ALSO ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS TRYING TO
17 SURVIVE ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, WHO DEPEND ON CALFRESH TO
18 STRETCH THEIR VERY LIMITED RESOURCES. OUR CLIENTS ARE ALSO
19 TRYING TO STAY OFF CASH BENEFITS BY TAKING JOBS IN THE GIG
20 ECONOMY, AND MAY BE IN BETWEEN JOBS AND NEED CALFRESH TO MAKE
21 ENDS MEET. THE LOSS OF CALFRESH BENEFITS MEANS PARENTS WILL
22 HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO PAY THE RENT OR TO
23 FEED THEIR CHILDREN. IT MEANS THAT A PARENT MAY GO WITHOUT A
24 MEAL TO ENSURE THAT HIS OR HER CHILD HAS ENOUGH TO EAT. ONE OF
25 OUR CLIENTS IS TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING DRIVING FOR LYFT. MOST

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1 OF THE MONEY THAT HE MAKES DRIVING FOR LYFT GOES TO PAYING THE
2 RENTAL ON HIS CAR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP?

5

6 **YOLANDA ARIAS:** SURE.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **YOLANDA ARIAS:** HE CAN'T PAY FOR HOUSING, SO HE SLEEPS IN HIS
11 CAR. IF HE LOSES CALFRESH, HE WILL STARVE. THESE STORIES ARE
12 COMMON TO THE MILLIONS OF ANGELINOS WHO ARE LIVING IN LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY, AND IT WOULD HAVE A DEVASTATING EFFECT TO LOSE
14 THEIR CALFRESH.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VER MUCH.

17

18 **YOLANDA ARIAS:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** UH-HUH. NEXT SPEAKER. YEAH.

21

22 **GABRIELLE TILLEY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS GABRIELLE TILLEY, WITH THE
23 CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES. I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS OUR
24 GRATITUDE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS MOTION. AS THE PREVIOUS
25 SPEAKERS HAVE ADDRESSED, CALFRESH IS A VITAL PROGRAM THAT

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1 SERVES 4 MILLION CALIFORNIANS, AND HELPS THEM PUT FOOD ON THE
2 TABLE EACH MONTH. SO WE REALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
3 JOINING THE FIGHT TO DEFEND PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS.
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **RACHEL TUCKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RACHEL
9 TUCKER. I AM A SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THE CALIFORNIA
10 ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS. WE'RE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION
11 REPRESENTING 41 FOOD BANKS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
12 WE'RE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BROUGHT FORWARD BY
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AS HAS BEEN SAID, S.N.A.P., ALSO KNOWN AS
14 CALFRESH, IS CALIFORNIA'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST
15 HUNGER. IT SERVES 4 MILLION PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE; 2 MILLION
16 CHILDREN, AS WELL. AND SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE'RE SO
17 THANKFUL FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON
18 THIS ISSUE, FOR C.D.S.S.'S ENGAGEMENT, FOR D.P.S.S.
19 ENGAGEMENT, AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS, AS WELL. WE HAVE
20 DEVELOPED SOME CLIENT MATERIALS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
21 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND READY TO SHARE. THEY'RE
22 CURRENTLY BEING TRANSLATED, AS WELL, TOO. AND LASTLY, I JUST
23 WANT TO EMPHASIZE, AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS FOOD
24 BANKS, YOU KNOW, SHOULD THE SHUTDOWN CONTINUE BEYOND FEBRUARY,
25 WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THAT'S GOING TO HAVE ON

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1 OUR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, THE FOLKS THAT WE SERVE, WHO MAY
2 BE DEALING WITH INCREASED HUNGER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **EVELIN TAMAYO:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS EVELIN TAMAYO, AND I'M
7 WITH HUNGER ACTION L.A. WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH A LOT OF E.B.T.
8 AND S.S.R. RECIPIENTS AT FARMERS' MARKETS, AND WE JUST WANTED
9 TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPACT OF E.B.T. AND
10 THE CALFRESH AND ALL THE S.N.A.P. BENEFITS. AND IT'S IMPORTANT
11 JUST TO HIGHLIGHT EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW. WE
12 ALSO HAVE A MARKET MATCH PROGRAM, WHICH MATCHES UP TO \$10 OF
13 E.B.T. RECIPIENTS' INCOME ON THE E.B.T. CARD, SO THAT ALSO IS
14 ALLOWING THEM TO STRETCH A LITTLE BIT MORE, TO PURCHASE FRESH
15 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. AND AGAIN, WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU
16 GUYS FOR POINTING THIS OUT, AND WE HOPE TO WORK TOGETHER TO
17 PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **SPEAKER:** CAN I TAKE HER TIME?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** NO. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **PRECIOUS YOUNG:** OKAY. MY NAME IS PRECIOUS YOUNG. I WOULD LIKE
2 TO READ SOMETHING THAT WAS ISSUED: AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ON
3 ESTABLISHING THE BLACK COUNCIL, ISSUED ON DECEMBER 12, 2018,
4 BY DONALD J. TRUMP, ESTABLISHING THE WHITE HOUSE OPPORTUNITY
5 AND REVITALIZATION COUNCIL. "BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS
6 PRESIDENT, BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE UNITED
7 STATES OF AMERICA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1,
8 PURPOSE. 52 MILLION AMERICANS LIVE IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED
9 COMMUNITIES. DESPITE THE GROWING NATIONAL ECONOMY, THESE
10 COMMUNITIES ARE PLAGUED BY HIGH POVERTY LEVELS, FAILING
11 SCHOOLS, AND A SCARCITY OF JOBS. IN DECEMBER 2017, I SIGNED
12 INTO LAW A BILL ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED AS THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS
13 ACT, WHICH ESTABLISHES NEW FEDERAL TAX INCENTIVES THAT
14 PROMOTES LONG-TERM EQUITY INVESTMENTS IN LOW-INCOME
15 COMMUNITIES DESIGNATED AS QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONES BY THE
16 GOVERNORS OF STATES OR TERRITORIES. IN ORDER TO FURTHER
17 FACILITATE SUCH INVESTMENT, MY ADMINISTRATION WILL IMPLEMENT
18 REFORMS THAT STREAMLINE EXISTING REGULATIONS, PROTECT
19 TAXPAYERS BY OPTIMIZING USE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES, STIMULATE
20 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND MOBILITY, ENCOURAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
21 EXPAND QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, DEVELOP AND
22 REHABILITATE QUALITY HOUSING STOCK, PROMOTE WORKFORCE
23 DEVELOPMENT, AND PROMOTE SAFETY AND PREVENT CRIME IN URBAN AND
24 ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES. THIS ORDER ESTABLISHES
25 THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN

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1 TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN URBAN AND
2 ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS, INCLUDING QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY
3 ZONES. THE COUNCIL SHALL LEAD JOINT EFFORTS ACROSS EXECUTIVE
4 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ENGAGE WITH STATE, LOCAL, AND
5 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO FIND WAYS TO BETTER PUBLIC FUNDS TO
6 REVITALIZE URBAN AND ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES." SO
7 WE WANT THIS ORDER TO BE PASSED. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE, YOU'VE GOT ONE MORE
10 NAME TO CALL UP?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD JOSEPH MAIZLISH PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

14

15 **BARGER:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** AS THE EXECUTIVE ORDER STATED, READ BY
18 MY SISTER PRECIOUS, THIS IS AN ORDER THAT WAS ESTABLISHED
19 DECEMBER 12TH, 2018, WHERE NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING
20 ABOUT IT. SO BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN, THERE WAS A
21 PLACE IN THE ORDER FOR WHITE HOUSE FEDERAL DOLLARS TO GO TO
22 BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS. AND THE 16 MEMBERS, ALONG WITH THIS FIVE-
23 SIGNATURE LETTER THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEND CONCERNING
24 D.P.S.S., WE WOULD LIKE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO COME UP
25 WITH THE 16 ADMINISTRATORS, WHICH IS THE SECRETARY OF

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1 TREASURER, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, SECRETARY
2 OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
3 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, EDUCATION, THE
4 ADMINISTRATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE DIRECTOR
5 OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SMALL
6 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
7 ECONOMIC POLICY, THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC
8 ADVISORS, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ENVIRONMENTAL
9 QUALITY. 16 PEOPLE, LOCALLY, THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH,
10 SO WE CAN ACTUALLY HAVE A DIFFERENT GOVERNING BODY THAT'S FOR
11 THE PEOPLE. D.P.S.S.-- A LOT OF THE CALFRESH BENEFITS WERE
12 SHUT DOWN IN SOUTH L.A. SINCE JUNE OF LAST YEAR. SO A LOT OF
13 THE STORES THAT USED TO CARRY E.B.T. NO LONGER DID, BUT NO ONE
14 MADE A HOOPLA ABOUT IT. ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY'RE SAYING THE
15 GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IS THREATENING OUR D.P.S.S. DOLLARS. WELL,
16 NO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S BEEN THREATENED LONG BEFORE, BY
17 OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. SO I WANT YOU GUYS TO BE TRANSPARENT
18 WHEN YOU'RE BASHING A PRESIDENT THAT WE UNDERSTAND NOBODY
19 LIKES, THE EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNED ON DECEMBER 12TH IS ON
20 BLACK-AND-WHITE PAPER FOR A COUNCIL TO BE HAD FOR SOUTH L.A.
21 TO RECEIVE FEDERAL DOLLARS. IT IS UP TO YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
22 MAXINE WATERS, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON,
23 AND EVERYBODY ELSE WHO'S BEEN WATCHING US DIE, TO FINALLY PUT
24 AN ASSEMBLY TOGETHER SO WE CAN GET THIS MONEY TO OUR BLACK
25 NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** HAVE WE WITNESSED WHAT HUNGER'S ABOUT? HAVE WE
5 SEEN ANYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY HUNGRY? HOW DOES THE E.B.T. CARD
6 WORK? WELL, PROVIDES YOU WITH A MEAL. WHO PROVIDES YOU WITH
7 THAT MEAL? US, THE HARDWORKING TAXPAYERS. AND IN TURN, YES,
8 THANK YOU, DONALD TRUMP. WE NEED A SHUTDOWN. WE NEED TO
9 CORRECT THE PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS IN THIS
10 LEGISLATIVE HORSESHOE THAT HAVE FALSELY ACCUSED YOU OF
11 STARVING THE PUBLIC. HOWEVER, WE'RE NOT STARVING THE PUBLIC.
12 BECAUSE YOU HEARD IN THE INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW GOVERNOR, MR.
13 NEWSOM, HE FOUND MONEY. SO ARE WE IN DEBT, OR ARE WE HIDING
14 PUBLIC MONIES? LIKE I SAID EARLIER IN MY PUBLIC COMMENT, TO NO
15 OFFENSE, JUST SIMPLY EXERCISING FIRST AMENDMENT, MONIES IS
16 EVIL, BUT MONIES IS GREAT. MONIES PROVIDE YOU WITH FOOD TO EAT
17 AND ESTABLISH YOU HOUSING, SUCH AS SECTION 8 OR MEASURE H.H.H.
18 SOUNDS LIKE A RIDDLE. SOUNDS LIKE A CRIME. NO. IT'S A FACT
19 THAT I, IN TURN, HAVE RECOGNIZED OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR
20 LOCAL ENTITIES' GOVERNMENT. MELLO DESIRE IS RIGHT. YOU KNOW
21 HOW TO FIX THE PROBLEM, BUT YOU SURE AS HELL DON'T WANT TO FIX
22 THE PROBLEM. E.B.T. CARD IS NOT THE PROBLEM. IT'S HOW YOU PLAN
23 TO FUND AND REGAIN THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A STATEMENT THAT THEY
24 ARE HUNGRY, AND PROVIDE. THAT'S THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS, AND ALL FIVE OF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
2 PROVIDING US WITH E.B.T. CARDS IF WE'RE IN NEED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. JOE
7 MAIZLISH, AGAIN. I APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERTAKING THE POSITIONS
8 THAT YOU HAVE, AND FACING SOME OF THE HIGHLY STRESSFUL ISSUES
9 OF OUR COMMUNITY. ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER, I BELIEVE
10 THIS LETTER CONTEMPLATED, THE ONE TO THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS, IS
11 AN OPPORTUNITY. THIS PROBLEM OF THE SHUTDOWN, YOU KNOW,
12 HARMING MANY PEOPLE, AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE ISN'T
13 EXAMINATION OF A CAUSE OF A PROBLEM SITUATION. BEHIND THE
14 SHUTDOWN, OF COURSE, IS THE DISPUTE WITH ONE PARTY SAYING,
15 "WELL, YES," THE OTHER PARTY SAYING, "WELL, NO," AND NEITHER
16 OF THEM LOOKING TO THE BACKGROUND OF WHAT IS DRIVING THE
17 PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMELANDS, AND WHETHER U.S. POLICIES,
18 THAT THEY IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO
19 WITH, ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THAT PRESSURE. I'D LIKE YOU TO
20 CONSIDER, PLEASE, ADDING TO YOUR LETTER A SUGGESTION THAT THE
21 FEDERAL OFFICIALS EXAMINE THE SOURCES OF THE PRESSURES THAT
22 CAUSED AND WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE, NO MATTER WHETHER THE
23 SHUTDOWN ENDS OR DOESN'T END, LOOK AT THOSE CAUSES
24 SPECIFICALLY TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY
25 CONTRIBUTION. I BELIEVE THERE IS. IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS. THERE'S

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1 LOTS OF COUPS SUPPORTED, THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT HERE IS A
2 CHANCE TO TRY TO ALERT THEM TO WHAT IS COVERED VERY LITTLE IN
3 THE MEDIA, BUT WHICH IS A VERY PROFOUND HUMAN TRUTH IN ALL OF
4 THIS: EXAMINE THINGS AND STOP THIS FROM BOUNCING BACK AND
5 AFFECTING THE COUNTY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, EITHER THROUGH
6 ENTRY OF MANY DESPERATE PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANT TO LIVE
7 SUCCESSFULLY AT HOME, OR THROUGH DISRUPTION OF THE SERVICES
8 THAT THEN AFFECT MANY, MANY MORE, LIKE WE'RE DEALING WITH.
9 THIS LETTER IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL
10 CARRY US FURTHER THAN JUST THIS CURRENT IMPASSE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THOSE ARE ALL THE
13 SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO--?
14 OKAY. SO ITEM 2 IS NOW BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND IF THERE ARE NO
16 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE
17 ORDER. NOW WE ARE GOING TO ITEM NO. 21. IT'S A REPORT ON
18 COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US A PRESENTATION. AND, COLLEAGUES, WOULD
20 YOU LIKE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THEIR
21 PRESENTATION, AND THEN IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS FOR THEM
22 AFTERWARDS? DOES THAT WORK FOR EVERYBODY? OKAY. THANK YOU.
23 WELCOME.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** WELCOME, THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE
2 BEFORE I TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER TO COMMANDER DYER, AND SAY
3 THAT I WAS ASKED TO COME BACK FROM RETIREMENT AFTER RUNNING
4 THE CUSTODY DIVISION, AND I CAN TELL YOU THERE'S A DIFFERENCE
5 BETWEEN NIGHT AND DAY. I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE ROSAS
6 DECISION AND THE C.C.J.V., AND WALKING INTO THE ENVIRONMENT
7 AND SEE THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE NOW IS EXTREMELY
8 INCREDIBLE, AND WE'RE GOING TO ATTEMPT TO SUSTAIN AND PROCESS.
9 ALTHOUGH WE'RE NOT COMPLETELY THERE YET, WE ARE GOING TO
10 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THAT DIRECTION. AND WITH THAT IN
11 MIND, I WANT TO PASS THIS ON TO COMMANDER DYER FOR THE
12 PRESENTATION.

13

14 **DAN DYER:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMANDER, GO AHEAD.

17

18 **DAN DYER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. ONCE AGAIN,
19 WE'RE HERE FOR THE BIENNIAL REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
20 COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. SOME OF OUR
21 TOPICS WILL BE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR USE-OF-FORCE
22 POLICIES, THE PANEL'S NEWEST, FOURTH REPORT, TRAINING ON THE
23 USE-OF-FORCE POLICY, USE-OF-FORCE STATISTICS AND TRENDS, AND
24 THEN DEPARTMENT USE-OF-FORCE POLICY AND VIOLATIONS
25 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. JUST AS A REMINDER, THE

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1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CONTAINS 104 PROVISIONS. THERE ARE 402
2 COMPLIANCE MEASURES THAT GO ALONG WITH THAT. AND AS OF AUGUST
3 OF 2018, THE PANEL HAD DEEMED US FULLY IMPLEMENTED ON ALL 104
4 OF THOSE PROVISIONS. THE USE-OF-FORCE POLICIES, AS A REMINDER,
5 ALSO, WAS PUT INTO EFFECT BACK IN DECEMBER 1ST OF 2015, AND
6 THAT AS OF JULY OF 2018, OUR MONITORS BEGAN ASSESSING THE
7 COMPLIANCE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018. AND THEN THE
8 PANEL'S FOURTH REPORT WAS ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 15 OF 2018. SOME
9 OF THE RESULTS THAT CAME OUT OF THAT FOURTH REPORT WAS THAT
10 THEY DEEMED US COMPLIANT IN 44 AREAS, NONCOMPLIANT IN 11, AND
11 49 AREAS THEY WERE UNABLE TO ASSESS. THOSE AREAS OF
12 NONCOMPLIANCE WERE MAINLY DUE TO SOME TECHNOLOGY ISSUES, ALSO
13 SOME DATA INPUTTING AND HUMAN ERROR, MOST OF WHICH HAVE
14 ALREADY BEEN CORRECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TWO LISTED UNDER THE
15 ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION WERE RELATED TO OUR EARLY WARNING
16 SYSTEM ON OUR PERSONNEL, AND THAT HAS BEEN RECTIFIED, AND AS
17 OF AUGUST 2018 IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, AS WELL. THE AREAS IN
18 "UNABLE TO ASSESS" ARE RELATED TO OUR USE-OF-FORCE PACKAGES.
19 UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE UNABLE TO GET ENOUGH PACKAGES TO THEM
20 TO ASSESS FOR THE FOURTH-QUARTER REPORT, SO THEY DEEMED US
21 UNABLE TO ASSESS. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO STREAMLINE THAT PROCESS
22 TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN, AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE
23 ALL FORCE PACKAGES TO THEM FOR THIS NEXT QUARTER. SOME OF THE
24 HIGHLIGHTS THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT CAME OUT OF THAT
25 FOURTH REPORT WERE SEVERAL STATEMENTS BY THE MONITORS

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1 THEMSELVES, WHICH THEY INCLUDED IN THEIR REPORT, ONE OF WHICH
2 IS THE SLIDE YOU SEE HERE BEFORE YOU. AFTER MORE THAN FOUR
3 YEARS TOURING THE JAILS, INTERVIEWING STAFF AND INMATES,
4 MEETING WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE CUSTODY COMMAND STAFF,
5 REVIEWING AND APPROVING TRAINING MATERIALS AND ASSESSING FORCE
6 PACKAGES, THE PANEL IS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT TWO IMPORTANT
7 CHANGES IN CUSTODY OPERATIONS THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED,
8 FIRST ONE WAS THAT THE STAFF CULTURE IN THE JAIL HAS CHANGED.
9 THEY ARE NO LONGER SEEING DIRECT ENFORCEMENT, OR ONLY
10 ENFORCEMENT; THEY'RE SEEING, ACTUALLY, COMMUNICATION AND DE-
11 ESCALATION BETWEEN THE INMATES AND OUR STAFF. THEY ALSO NOTED
12 THAT THE CHANGE HAPPENED MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY MIGHT HAVE
13 PREDICTED, AND IT IS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO
14 DESERVE CREDIT FOR THIS CHANGE. AND THE SECOND ONE WAS THAT
15 THE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE USING FORCE TO
16 PUNISH OR RETALIATE OR FORCE THAT RESULTS IN SEVERE INJURIES.
17 THE NEXT SLIDE IS ON OUR USE-OF-FORCE TRAINING. AND AS YOU CAN
18 SEE, WE'VE EITHER MET OR EXCEEDED THE 95-PERCENT THRESHOLD ON
19 MOST OF THE AREAS. THE AREAS WE DON'T HAVE ASSESSMENTS ARE OUR
20 REFRESHER COURSES, AND THOSE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE NOW.
21 WE DO HAVE OUR CHALLENGES THERE. THAT'S USUALLY RELATED TO
22 STAFFING. WE'RE DOING SOME CREATIVE STAFFING TECHNIQUES TO GET
23 OUR FOLKS OFF THE LINE TO GET TWO-HOUR REFRESHERS. SOME OF
24 THEM ARE FOUR HOURS, SOME OF THEM ARE EIGHT HOURS. SO WE'RE
25 DOING OUR BEST TO COMPLY WITH THAT, AND YOU'LL SEE THAT IN THE

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1 MONITORS' NEXT REPORT. THE NEXT SLIDE IS OUR USE-OF-FORCE
2 STATISTICS PAGE. THIS IS SIX MONTHS' WORTH OF DATA. AND AS YOU
3 CAN SEE, THE LARGEST BAR GRAPH YOU SEE THERE IS OUR CATEGORY
4 1S, WHICH IS PREDOMINANTLY MOST OF THE FORCE THAT'S BEING USED
5 IN THE JAILS. THAT'S OUR LOWEST-LEVEL USES OF FORCE. IT
6 USUALLY JUST RESULTS IN A COMPLAINT OF PAIN, AND NO INJURIES
7 TO THE INMATE. THE SECOND ONE IS THE YELLOW COLUMN, WHICH IS
8 OUR CATEGORY 2 USES OF FORCE. THOSE MAY BE A SPECIFIC TYPE OF
9 SPECIAL WEAPONS BEING USED, SUCH AS THE TASER, OR MAYBE
10 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE AN IDENTIFIABLE INMATE INJURY, AND
11 THOSE HAVE REMAINED FAIRLY CONSTANT. BOTH THE 2S AND THE
12 CATEGORY 1S, YOU'LL SEE A LITTLE BIT OF A SPIKE IN JUNE, AND
13 THAT JUST CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE POPULATION CHANGE DURING
14 THE SUMMER MONTHS. AND AGAIN, THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THE
15 CATEGORY 3S STILL CONTINUE TO BE NONEXISTENT. ON THE NEXT
16 PAGE, WE HAVE A TREND REPORT WHERE WE'VE GONE BACK A TOTAL OF
17 18 MONTHS TO GIVE YOU A BETTER IDEA OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN IN THE
18 LAST YEAR AND A HALF. AGAIN, THE RED LINE SYMBOLIZES OUR
19 CATEGORY 3S, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL, AND AGAIN,
20 NONEXISTENT. THE NEXT IS THE YELLOW. CATEGORY 2S REMAIN ABOUT
21 THE SAME FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. THE GRAY YOU SEE THERE
22 IS THE INTRODUCTION BACK IN OCTOBER OF 2017 OF WHAT WE CALL
23 THE N.C.I. CATEGORY, WHICH IS SIMPLY USING CONTROL TECHNIQUES
24 TO OVERCOME THE RESISTANCE TO AN INMATE. IT'S VERY LOW-LEVEL.
25 IT'S USUALLY MAINLY JUST KIND OF A TUG-- PULL AND TUG. WE'LL

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1 HAVE AN INMATE WHERE WE'RE JUST OVERCOMING HIS RESISTANCE, AND
2 IT'S LESS PAPERWORK FOR OUR SUPERVISORS. IT KEEPS THEM ON THE
3 LINE. AND THEN, AGAIN, THE GREEN, THE DIP THAT YOU SEE THERE,
4 WHERE IT'S ACTUALLY DROPPED, IS ACTUALLY RELATED TO THE
5 INTRODUCTION OF THE N.C.I. CATEGORY. AND ON OUR FINAL SLIDE,
6 WE'VE GOT THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. DURING THIS
7 PERIOD IN TIME, WE HAD ONE NEW I.E.B. INTERNAL AFFAIRS
8 INVESTIGATION, WE HAD NINE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT-LEVEL
9 INVESTIGATIONS, AND WE HAD THREE CASES CLOSED DURING THIS TIME
10 PERIOD. NONE OF THOSE RESULTED IN ANY TERMINATIONS. WE HAD
11 THREE THAT RESULTED IN DISCIPLINE THAT RANGED FROM A WRITTEN
12 REPRIMAND TO A THREE-DAY SUSPENSION. AND DURING THIS TIME
13 PERIOD, WE HAD ZERO INVESTIGATIONS OPENED AS A CRIMINAL
14 INVESTIGATION. THAT CONCLUDES THE BIENNIAL REPORT, AND WE'D BE
15 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU MAY HAVE SOME.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO
20 THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THERE'S
21 NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THEY HAVE WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE
22 COMMUNITY INTERACTION. SO I WANT TO COMMEND BOTH THE MEN AND
23 WOMEN, BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN A GROUP EFFORT. AND I KNOW IT'S
24 ABOUT TRAINING, BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT REALLY EDUCATING THEM IN
25 TERMS OF THE USE OF FORCE. THE PANEL ALSO NOTED THAT THERE HAD

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1 BEEN SOME PROMINENT CHANGES WITH THE CULTURE IN THE JAILS,
2 CITING INCREASED COMMUNICATION LEADING TO OVERALL DE-
3 ESCALATION OF SITUATIONS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE REPORTS
4 CONTINUING TO ECHO THESE TYPE OF SENTIMENTS. I THINK THAT'S
5 IMPORTANT. I KNOW YOU HAVE A HISTORY AND HAVE INCREDIBLE IN-
6 DEPTH KNOWLEDGE, AS IT RELATES TO THAT. BUT AS WE CONTINUE AT
7 THIS BOARD DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE NEXT STEP FOR THE COUNTY
8 JAIL PLAN, I'M GOING TO BE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU ALL
9 ON HOW THESE NEW FACILITIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MITIGATING SOME
10 OF OUR COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE
11 IMPORTANT. I'M GOING TO BE CURIOUS TO KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON
12 THAT, AS IT RELATES TO MOVING INMATES-- I DON'T KNOW IF ONE OF
13 YOU WANTS TO COMMENT ON THAT-- AND THE IMPACT THAT THE
14 COUNTY'S JAIL PLAN WILL HAVE ON USE OF FORCE.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** I APOLOGIZE. IS THAT IN REGARDS TO THE C.C.T.F. IN
17 THE FUTURE?

18
19 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** WELL, IF WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE C.C.T.F., ONE
22 OF THE PRIMARY GOALS OF THAT WAS TO LIMIT THE MOVEMENT AND THE
23 NEED TO TRANSPORT INMATES BACK AND FORTH, WHICH I THINK
24 LOOKING, IN PAST PRACTICE AND CURRENT PRACTICE, DIRECTLY
25 RESULTS IN THE INCIDENCE OF FORCE. RIGHT NOW, ESPECIALLY IN

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1 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE WAY IT'S CONFIGURED, YOU HAVE THE
2 LINEAR CONFIGURATIONS. YOU HAVE INMATES THAT ARE TRAVELING
3 FROM THE OLD SIDE TO THE NEW SIDE TO GET TO MEDICAL. JUST
4 MEDICAL VISITS ALONE CREATE QUITE A BIT OF CHALLENGES FOR US.
5 SO THE CONFIGURATION WE PLAN IN THE FUTURE WOULD HAVE MEDICAL
6 ON EVERY FLOOR, SO THAT THE MOVEMENT WOULD BE ALMOST
7 NONEXISTENT. WITHIN ONE DOOR, THEY'RE ENTERING THE MEDICAL
8 AREAS TO GET THEIR TREATMENT, ANOTHER DOOR FOR RECREATION. SO
9 I KNOW IT'S ALL STILL IN THE DESIGN PHASE, BUT THAT'S THE
10 GOALS, AND THAT WOULD DIRECTLY AFFECT FORCE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** BUILDING A TREATMENT FACILITY THAT WOULD SPECIFICALLY
15 ALLOW FOR THE INTERACTION OF THE INMATES, OUT-OF-CELL TIME AND
16 SOME PROGRAMMING STUFF, CAN ONLY HELP BUT LOWER THE FORCE AND
17 GIVE THE INMATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROGRESS MUCH MORE QUICKLY
18 IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S MORE CONDUCIVE TO THEIR BEHAVIOR AND
19 TO THE REASON WHY THEY'RE IN THERE.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL
22 FOR BEING HERE, THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN, BUT I ALSO WANT TO
23 REALLY HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU ALL BE
24 A PART OF THE DIALOGUE AS THIS BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH THE
25 CONFIGURATION, ESPECIALLY, BECAUSE YOU ALL ARE THE ONES THAT

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1 ARE GOING TO HAVE TO COME AND REPORT TO THE BOARD ON ISSUES
2 THAT PERTAINS TO WHATEVER WE DO BUILD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
7 FOR STARTING OFF BY THANKING OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO REALLY DO, EVERY SINGLE DAY. THEY'VE
9 GOT TOUGH JOBS, BUT THEY REALLY ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT
10 EVERYONE'S TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY, BUT ALSO LOOKING
11 OUT FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY IN SOME PRETTY PRECARIOUS FACILITIES,
12 JUST IN TERMS OF HOW THOSE FACILITIES WERE BUILT, AND ARE
13 REALLY SORT OF ANTIQUATED IN TERMS OF OFFICER AND INMATE
14 SAFETY. SO IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT CATEGORY 3 IS, AS YOU SAID,
15 ALMOST NONEXISTENT. I THINK THERE WAS ONE IN THE LAST SIX
16 MONTHS. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THOSE WHO WOULD BE SUSPECT THAT
17 IS IT REALLY THAT WE'RE HAVING NO CATEGORY 3 USE OF FORCE, OR
18 THEY'RE NOT BEING REPORTED?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I WELCOME THEM TO COME FORWARD AND ACTUALLY
21 COME IN, AND WE'D BE HAPPY TO LET THEM HAVE A TOUR. WE HAVE
22 TOURS ON A DAILY BASIS FROM ALL MEMBERS AND SEGMENTS OF THE
23 COMMUNITY. WE'VE GOT THE MONITORS FROM O.I.G. THAT COME IN ON
24 A REGULAR BASIS. A.C.L.U. WALKS AMONG US ON A REGULAR BASIS,
25 ALONG WITH THE ADVENT OF ALL THE C.C.T.V. THAT WE HAVE. I KNOW

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1 WE GET CHALLENGED ON THAT QUITE A BIT, BUT I STAND BY OUR MEN
2 AND WOMEN THAT WE HAVE ON THE FRONT LINES THERE. THEY ARE
3 DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB. I THINK THE MONITORS WERE ABSOLUTELY
4 ACCURATE WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE CULTURAL
5 CHANGE. I THINK THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR DIVERT TRAINING, DE-
6 ESCALATION TECHNIQUES, HAS KIND OF CHANGED THE MINDSET. WE
7 ACTUALLY HAVE FOLKS WORKING THE FRONT LINES NOW IN THOSE
8 HOUSING MODULES THAT ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS. SO
9 THEY'RE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO ESSENTIALLY GET INVOLVED
10 WITH THEIR LIVES ON A DAILY BASIS QUICKER, AND NOT LETTING
11 THEM DECOMPENSATE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THE OTHER CONCERN THAT'S BEEN
14 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION IS THAT OUR NEW SHERIFF IS CONSIDERING
15 GIVING FLASHLIGHTS BACK TO THE DEPUTIES. AND SEEING AS HOW
16 THAT WAS PART OF THE ORIGINAL CASE THAT BROUGHT US TO THIS
17 ISSUE, ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT? DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE A
18 STANCE ON THAT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. I SPOKE TO THE SHERIFF ABOUT THIS IN
21 PARTICULAR, AND FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, HAVING BEEN
22 THERE WHEN ALL THIS TRANSPIRED, I CAN TELL YOU THIS WILL NOT
23 HAPPEN. IT'S NOT GOING TO REOCCUR. WE'RE NOT CHANGING THE
24 POLICY. AND THE SHERIFF UNDERSTANDS THAT WE'RE UNDER THE ROSAS

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1 CONSENT DECREE, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE DOWN THE PATH OF
2 DOING THE GOOD WORK THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN ARE DOING.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, YES. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
7 PRESENTATION, AND GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT
8 DIRECTION. AND I DO KNOW THAT OUR JOB IS GETTING TOUGHER,
9 ESPECIALLY WITH OUR POPULATION, A.B. 109, AND THE FACT THAT WE
10 ARE HAVING PEOPLE THAT ARE STAYING WITH US LONGER THAN WE
11 INTENDED, MAYBE 3 TO 4 YEARS, AND SOMETIMES EVEN 20. GIVEN
12 THAT, WE ALSO KNOW THAT SOME OF THEM ARE FACING MENTAL HEALTH
13 ISSUES. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE USE OF FORCE IS DOWN, BUT HOW
14 ARE WE REALLY TRAINING TO PREPARE OUR CUSTODY STAFF TO REALLY
15 UNDERSTAND HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT? IF YOU COULD RESPOND TO
16 THAT? AND I HAVE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE ROSAS PROVISIONS
19 MANDATED US TO DO WAS TO FRONTLOAD SOME OF THAT TRAINING. AND
20 I THINK THAT WAS ONE OF THE BETTER PART OF THE PROVISIONS WAS
21 THAT BEFORE THEY EVEN HIT THE GROUND RUNNING, WE'RE TEACHING
22 THEM THAT WEEK-LONG CLASS ON DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES. WE'RE
23 EXPOSING THEM TO MENTAL ILLNESS. WE'RE BRINGING FOLKS IN. WE
24 WORK WITH N.A.M.I. DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THE CLASSES.
25 THEY ACTUALLY BRING IN FOLKS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH CRISIS.

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1 QUITE OFTEN, THOSE PEOPLE HAVE ACTUALLY ALREADY BEEN IN OUR
2 SYSTEM, AND ARE NOW LIVING ON THE STREETS. THEY GIVE THEM
3 THEIR PERSPECTIVE. SO I THINK WHAT ROSAS DID WAS BRING US BACK
4 UP TO SPEED WITH OUR TRAINING. SO I THINK WE'VE DONE A GREAT
5 JOB OF FRONTLOADING THAT NOW. THERE'S REALLY NO OTHER
6 EXPERIENCE THAN THE ACTUAL LINE EXPERIENCE OUR FOLKS ARE
7 GETTING, BUT IT GIVES THEM A GOOD FOUNDATION. AND ONCE THEY
8 COME INTO THE JAILS, WE HAVE A GOOD STRONG TRAINING PROGRAM.
9 WITH THE HELP OF THIS BOARD RIGHT HERE, AND OUR LAST CONTRACT
10 NEGOTIATIONS, WE BROUGHT IN OUR TRAINING OFFICERS NOW GETTING
11 PAID. THAT WAS HUGE FOR US. THAT'S GOING TO BRING IN A WEALTH
12 OF EXPERIENCE FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS DEPARTMENT. PEOPLE
13 ARE COMING BACK TO CUSTODY DIVISION WITH A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE
14 FROM THE STREETS AND WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS, AND HAVE
15 MATURED. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE GREAT ROLE-PLAYING FOR OUR
16 YOUNG FOLKS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** I HAD ALSO HEARD THAT MENTIONED TO ME BY SOME OF
19 THE FOLKS ON THE FIELD, THAT THEY WERE SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT IN
20 TERMS OF THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING, THAT THEY WOULD SOMEHOW NOT
21 BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB BECAUSE THEY WERE REQUIRED TO PUT IN
22 SO MANY HOURS OF TRAINING. SO HOW ARE YOU BALANCING THAT?
23 BECAUSE THAT'S AN ISSUE, TOO. I'VE HEARD COMPLAINTS ABOUT
24 THAT. WHILE WE NEED IT, BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP
25 COMPENSATE FOR THAT?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** WE GOT TO DO A LOT OF CREATIVE SCHEDULING TO
3 ACCOMPLISH THAT, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU. IT ALWAYS WILL BE,
4 UNTIL WE OVERCOME OUR VACANCIES AND GET TO A POINT WHERE
5 EVERYBODY'S COMFORTABLE. IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE
6 FOR US. BUT WE GET PRETTY CREATIVE. I OVERSEE THE TRAINING
7 UNIT, OR OUR TRAINING BUREAU. I BRING GUYS IN ON THE WEEKENDS.
8 WE'VE GONE INTO DOING ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULES, WHERE WE HAVE A
9 P.M. TRAINING. IT USED TO BE JUST MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. NOW
10 WE DO IT ON P.M.S, AND WE'LL GO TO YOU. WE'LL SHOW UP AT A
11 JAIL WITH MY TEAM, AND WE'LL GIVE THEM THE TRAINING THEY NEED,
12 EVEN IF IT'S JUST A QUICK TWO HOURS OF A REFRESHER. BUT WE GET
13 PRETTY CREATIVE AND WE GET THE JOB DONE.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO I'M GLAD THAT USE OF FORCE IS DOWN, BUT YOU
16 HAVE OTHER CONTACT THAT HAS GONE UP, WHICH IS NONINJURIOUS. SO
17 HOW DO YOU PLAN TO REDUCE THAT ESCALATION, OR WHATEVER-- THAT
18 NUMBER THAT'S GOING UP THERE, IN TERMS OF DEALING WITH THE
19 INMATES? WHAT PLAN OF ACTION DO YOU HAVE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL OF THAT. WE
22 ACTUALLY JUST ROUNDTABLED IT THIS MORNING WITH SOME OF OUR
23 CAPTAINS THAT ARE GOING TO BE INITIATING A NEW PROGRAM. I
24 WON'T GET INTO THE DETAILS OF IT, BUT IT ESSENTIALLY WAS
25 TAKING A LOOK AT CURRENT AND CASES THAT ARE GOING ON RIGHT

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1 NOW, AND SHOWING MORE VIDEO TO OUR FOLKS, AND ACTUALLY GOING
2 THROUGH AND DEBRIEFING: WHAT COULD WE HAVE DONE BETTER IN THIS
3 SITUATION? WE'RE ACTUALLY SHOWING THEM THE ACTUAL VIDEO OF
4 THEIR PARTNERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING AS QUICKLY AS
5 JUST LAST WEEK, AND DEBRIEFING THAT IN A MUCH LARGER--
6 USUALLY, IN OUR PAST, WE DEBRIEFED WITH THE FOLKS THAT ARE
7 INVOLVED. BUT WE'RE REALLY EMPHASIZING IN A FULL BRIEFING FOR
8 THE ENTIRE SHIFT, OR FOR THE ENTIRE JAIL, TO GET PEOPLE
9 INVOLVED AND ALL TALKING ABOUT IT, WATCHING THEIR PARTNERS
10 INTERACT ON VIDEO AND REALLY CRITIQUING THEM HARD.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YOU KNOW, SOMETHING THAT JUST DAWNED ON ME IS,
13 I'VE MET SO MANY OF YOUR FOLKS OUT IN THE FIELD THAT HELP US
14 TO DE-ESCALATE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN THE FIELD, PARTICULARLY
15 IN OUR RIVERBED. SOME OF THOSE HAVE BEEN UNIQUELY TRAINED. AND
16 IT WOULD, I THINK, BEHOOVE US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN USE
17 SOME OF THOSE FOLKS TO COME IN, BECAUSE THERE'S PEER-TO-PEER,
18 BUT PROVIDING THAT KIND OF HELP AND ASSISTANCE AND REASSURANCE
19 TO SOMEONE WHO WEARS THE UNIFORM, BUT IS ALSO OUT THERE LIVING
20 AND SEEING HOW YOU DEAL WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE MENTALLY ILL
21 OR FACING THESE CRISES. AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE REALLY
22 UTILIZING THAT AS MUCH, BUT I THINK SOMETIMES IT'S POWERFUL TO
23 HAVE SOMEONE WHO COMES FROM YOUR RANK TO COME IN AND START TO
24 OFFER THAT KIND OF SERVICE. I DOUBT THAT IT WOULD COST US THAT
25 MUCH, BUT I THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE. SO THAT'S JUST A

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1 SUGGESTION. AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, IN THIS REPORT, YOU
2 DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE GRIEVANCES.
3 I KNOW THAT WAS A CONCERN. WHY WASN'T IT IN THIS REPORT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT BEEN A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THIS REPORT. I
6 KNOW IT WAS A SUBJECT, BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS A CONCERN OF THE
7 LAST TIME WE WERE HERE, IN JUNE, I THINK. I DON'T WANT TO SAY
8 IT'S AN OVERSIGHT ON OUR PART, BUT IT'S NOT PART OF THE
9 PROVISION, WHAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE. WE'D BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE
10 IT FROM NOW ON, IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD WOULD LIKE
11 US TO DO.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE-- THE LAST TIME WE HEARD
18 FROM STAKEHOLDERS WAS THAT PEOPLE REALLY WANTED TO BE ABLE TO
19 HAVE THEIR GRIEVANCES ATTENDED, OR AT LEAST LOOKED UPON IN HOW
20 YOU CAN AGGREGATE WHAT THAT IS. AND I THINK THAT WAS A LONG
21 TIME THAT HAS PASSED, SO I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. AND THEN
22 JUST THE LAST THING I THINK I WOULD SAY IS... WELL, THAT WE
23 JUST CONTINUE ON IN THE PROCESS THAT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON
24 NOW, AND CONTINUE TO REDUCE USE OF FORCE AND WHATEVER TOOLS WE
25 HAVE AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY WITH WOMEN, AS WELL. SO I'M VERY

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1 INTERESTED IN THAT ASPECT. SO WHEN YOU COME BACK, OR IF YOU
2 HAVE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN SHARE WITH MY STAFF, I WOULD
3 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE DO HAVE THE J.M.E.D. TEAMS, AND THEY DO THE
8 TRAINING, AS WELL, JUST AS THE MED TEAMS DO OUT ON THE FIELD,
9 THEY ARE TRAINED WITHIN THE JAIL SETTINGS, AND THEY DO A LOT
10 OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR US IN THAT PARTICULAR ARENA, AS YOU
11 WERE TALKING ABOUT PREVIOUSLY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BUT I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S
14 THE PEER-TO-PEER THAT I THINK IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE. YEAH.
15 THANK YOU. WELL, THANK YOU FOR THAT PRESENTATION. MADAM
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD
17 LIKE TO SPEAK TO US ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
20 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: DR.
21 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI, HERMAN
22 HERMAN, REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
23 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN, GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
3 DISTRICT, AND I APPRECIATE THE REPORT. IT IS GETTING A LITTLE
4 BIT BETTER, I WOULD SAY, BUT I STILL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. IN
5 PARTICULAR, CATEGORY NUMBER 2 INCLUDES THE USE OF A TASER.
6 NOW, DYER IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB, AND WE HAVE BEEN IN
7 CONTACT ABOUT THE USE OF TASERS IN CUSTODY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
8 I KNOW THAT TASERS IN CUSTODY IS AN ISSUE, BECAUSE IT CAME UP
9 DURING THE CAMPAIGN WITH VILLANUEVA AND OTHERS. VILLANUEVA
10 CAME TO STUDIO CITY AND ACTUALLY SPOKE ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE
11 GOING IN THE JAIL ON OCTOBER 26TH, AND HE WAS LESS ROSY ABOUT
12 IT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE DEPUTIES THEN; OBVIOUSLY,
13 TODAY, AS WE ARE FACING A NEW ERA. THAT SAID, I DON'T THINK
14 THAT TASERS SHOULD BE USED IN JAILS. AND THE REASON WHY, LISA
15 MANDEL AND SHEILA, IS BECAUSE IF YOU BRING A SPARK CHECK OVER
16 TO A PERSON WHO'S NONCOMPLIANT, IT CREATES A KIND OF A THREAT
17 OF TORTURE, LIKE THE ALABAMA HOWDY-DO FROM THAT MOVIE "THE
18 SHAPE OF WATER." IT'S NOT OUR STYLE. SO I THINK THE GUYS WHO
19 ARE WORKING, AND WOMEN, ON OTHER ALTERNATIVES IS A BETTER TO
20 GO. NOW, I WILL ALSO SAY THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO
21 APPROPRIATELY STEPPED OFF HERE, ARE DOING A TERRIBLE JOB OF
22 PROVIDING WHAT I WOULD DESCRIBE AS THE RECORDS THAT THE PUBLIC
23 IS ENTITLED TO SEE. IT'S GREAT THAT THE ROSAS MONITORS ARE
24 EXCITED AND CHIPPER, BUT THOSE ARE YOUR FORMER LAWYER. AND BY
25 THE WAY, THE DATES ON THE REPORTS ARE A LITTLE INACCURATE.

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1 THERE WAS ONE IN MARCH OF 2017, I THOUGHT. BUT I JUST THINK
2 THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MENTAL HEALTH
3 TO BE A VERY SPECIFIC TRAINING VIDEO THAT P.O.S.T.-- THAT'S AN
4 ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS LAW ENFORCEMENT-- HAS. NOW, I'VE ASKED
5 THE COUNTY COUNSEL IN TWO DIFFERENT LANGUAGES TO PLEASE
6 PROVIDE A COPY OF IT SO WE CAN LOOK AT IT. NOW, IF 98 PERCENT
7 OF OUR DEPUTIES HAVE TRAINED ON IT, IT'S GOT TO BE SHAREABLE.
8 I MEAN, IT'S NOT THIS SECRET CODE OF HOW TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE
9 LIKE THE PEOPLE IN THE RIVER IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT.
10 AND FINALLY, THE CUSTODY DIVISION MANUAL. THIS ONE HAS BEEN A
11 LONGSTANDING-- WE'VE BEEN A LITTLE BIT AT LOGGERHEADS, BECAUSE
12 IT'S DELIGHTFUL TO SEE USE OF FORCE POLICY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE
13 POLICIES THAT AFFECT PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELFARE THAT MAY BE A
14 LITTLE LUNKY? AND TO NOT PROVIDE THEM AS REQUESTED UNDER THE
15 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD ACT IS BOTH A SHORTCOMING OF THE LAW,
16 AND ALSO EVERYBODY EXPECTS IT. SO THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. I DON'T LIKE ANY OF YOU,
21 INCLUDING THESE COPS. PHONY LIARS. YOU STUPID PEOPLE THREW A
22 GUY LIKE ME INTO YOUR MEDICAL PSYCH WARD IN THE JAILS, WHERE,
23 IN MEDICAL, A GUY'S DYING OF DIABETIC SHOCK. AND I SAVE HIS
24 LIFE WITH THE MEDICAL AND SHERIFFS YELLING AT ME TO LET HIM
25 DIE! DO YOU HEAR ME? WHEN I'M IN COURT, ITEM 48 JUST BEFORE

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1 NOON, THEY CASUALLY COME UP TO THE JUDGE, JUST STUPID JUDGE,
2 LONGORIA, WHO DECLARED ME COMPETENT, THEN INCOMPETENT, YOU
3 STUPID CRIMINALS. AND WHAT DO I HEAR? "OH, WE FORGOT TO TELL
4 YOU ABOUT A DEATH IN THE MEDICAL PSYCH WARD TWO MONTHS AGO."
5 THE TIME BEFORE THAT, THEY BRING UP THE PROBLEMS IN THE JAILS
6 YOU FOOLS ARE TALKING ABOUT, AND I TAKE THE LAWS TO THE
7 SHERIFFS. AND ONE SHERIFF SAYS TO THE OTHER, "I TOLD YOU ABOUT
8 THOSE STEEL-TOED SHOES IN THE JAILS. THEY'VE BEEN ILLEGAL FOR
9 YEARS." MEDICAL PSYCH WARD, YOU FOOLS PUT ME IN. ONE NIGHT AT
10 MIDNIGHT, THEY DECIDE TO MOVE US TO THE NEW REHAB ONES, RIGHT?
11 IT WAS 60 INMATES WITH 26 CHAIRS AND TABLES. THEY MOVE US TO
12 ONE SO FILTHY YOU CAN'T BELIEVE IT. AND THERE'S 68 BEDS AND 12
13 CHAIRS. I'M IN THERE, A GUY DECLARES HIMSELF SUICIDAL. WE TRY
14 TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT. THEY TAKE HIM OUT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY
15 AND CHAIN HIM UP FOR FIVE HOURS WHILE HE FREAKS OUT. THERE'S
16 GANGS IN THERE. WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO PROSECUTE ME? YOU SHOULD
17 BE USING ME TO STOP THIS. I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE JAIL THAN
18 THESE [EXPLETIVE] DO!

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NOW, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? WHAT ARE YOU
23 GOING TO DO? YOU GOING TO LISTEN TO THIS GARBAGE SOME MORE?

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GENEVIEVE? ARE YOU CALLING HER UP? DR.

2 CLAVREUL? WELCOME AGAIN. PLEASE ADDRESS US.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ANYWAY, I'M NOT SO SURE I APPRECIATE
5 THE REPORT IN ALL THIS VALUE. I HAVE HEARD SO MANY COMPLAINTS
6 OFF AND ON, ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE JAIL. IT'S VERY
7 DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ISOLATE WHAT'S TRUTH AND FICTION. BUT ONE
8 THING I HAVE HEARD CONSISTENTLY IS THAT THE INMATES ARE NOT
9 RECEIVING THEIR MENTAL MEDICATION. AND, YOU KNOW, A WAY TO
10 HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL NOT TO BE BAD IS TO GET
11 MEDICATION WHO CAN HELP THEM CONTROL THEIR BEHAVIOR. AND I
12 KNOW LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF REQUESTS TO REMOVE THE
13 D.H.S. FROM PROVIDING THE HEALTHCARE IN A JAIL. I JUST WONDER
14 WHERE WE ARE ON THIS, AND IF YOU HAVE EVEN LOOKED AT IT. AND
15 THEY WANT TO GO BACK, AND THERE'S A SHERIFF. SOME OF THE
16 NURSES WHO WORK IN THE JAIL HAVE COMPLAINED THAT MANY OF THEM
17 HAVE P.T.S.D. BECAUSE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE JAIL NOW, AND
18 MANY ARE FEARING FOR THEIR LIFE. SO I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE
19 IF YOU'D LOOK AT THAT MORE IN DETAIL, BECAUSE THAT'S A VERY
20 DANGEROUS SITUATION, BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE NURSES WHO SUFFER
21 FROM P.T.S.D., INMATES WHO ARE NOT GETTING THEIR DRUGS, THAT'S
22 A CHEMISTRY FOR A BIG PROBLEM. SO PLEASE LOOK AT IT. I WOULD
23 REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON
2 THIS ITEM, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS ON THIS
7 ITEM. ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US, AS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE MATTER. IF
8 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE'LL
9 TAKE UP ITEM 22-A, WHICH IS THE MOBILIZATION OF LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY SERVICES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS. THIS
11 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
12 OPENING REMARKS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** JUST BRIEFLY, MADAM CHAIR. THIS ITEM IS REALLY
15 ABOUT ASKING OUR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO HELP MOBILIZE AND
16 PROVIDE SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS DURING THE TIME
17 OF THIS STRIKE THAT WE SEE THAT MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE
18 IMPACTED BY. AND I THINK WE'VE HEARD THE NUMBERS ALREADY:
19 700,000 CHILDREN. LESS THAN A THIRD ARE ACTUALLY IN
20 CLASSROOMS. AND MANY OF THEM, TO THE CREDIT OF L.A. CITY PARKS
21 AND RECS AND THEIR FACILITIES, HAVE OPENED UP THEIR LIBRARIES
22 AND THEIR PARKS AND REC CENTER, AND PROVIDED SUPPORT. AND IN
23 ONE INSTANCE I HEARD IN HIGHLAND PARK, THEY ACTUALLY WENT
24 THROUGH PARKS AND RECS AND PROVIDED MEALS TO THESE CHILDREN.
25 THERE WERE SEVERAL DOZEN-- MORE THAN A DOZEN THAT WERE THERE.

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1 MY THOUGHT IS THAT WE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO HELP PROVIDE
2 SOME ASSISTANCE. AND THIS AMENDMENT-- ACTUALLY, I WANT TO READ
3 IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION I HAVE. IF I COULD JUST GO TO
4 THAT QUICKLY, MADAM CHAIR. "I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
6 AND RECREATION TO EXPAND SNACK PROGRAMS AT PARKS, PROVIDE OPEN
7 GYM AND PROGRAMMING AT ALL SIX COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARKS FROM 9
8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON STRIKE DAYS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 30
9 DAYS; AUTHORIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
10 RECREATION AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO WORK
11 TOGETHER TO EXPAND SNACK PROGRAMS TO LIBRARIES ON STRIKE DAYS;
12 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO WORK WITH THE
13 DEPARTMENTS TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCES TO
14 PROVIDE THESE SERVICES ON STRIKE DAYS; EXPLORE PARTNERSHIPS
15 FOR LUNCH PROGRAMS AT PARKS AND LIBRARIES FOR L.A.U.S.D.
16 STUDENTS, AND WAIVE ADMISSION FEES, PARKING FEES, AND ANY
17 ASSOCIATED FEES FOR L.A.U.S.D. STUDENTS AND THEIR CUSTODIANS
18 DURING SCHOOL HOURS, FROM 7 A.M. TO 3 P.M., AT DESCANSO
19 GARDENS, THE ARBORETUM, THE SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDEN AT
20 VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS FOR THE DURATION OF THIS STRIKE."
21 THAT IS THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?
24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION,
2 AND I WAS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL HISTORY
3 MUSEUM ON SATURDAY NIGHT, AND SHE TOLD ME THAT THEY PLANNED ON
4 OPENING UP THEIR MUSEUM, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE WAS GOING TO
5 BE AN ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO WHAT TO DO WITH THE CHILDREN. SO
6 I JUST WANT TO COMMEND HER. I MEAN, OFTENTIMES THEY WAIT FOR
7 US TO SAY, "DO IT." AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
8 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC TOOK THE INITIATIVE. AND I THINK
9 IT'S REFRESHING. IN THIS SITUATION, IT IS BETTER TO ASK FOR
10 FORGIVENESS THAN PERMISSION, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT TO GET IT
11 DONE. WE WEREN'T SURE WHETHER THE STRIKE WAS GOING TO TAKE
12 PLACE. WE WEREN'T HAVING A BOARD MEETING. SO I JUST WANTED TO
13 COMMEND THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FOR TAKING THAT INITIATIVE
14 AND THAT STEP FORWARD. LAURIE SAID SHE WAS VERY FOCUSED AND
15 KNEW THAT HER BOARD WOULD SUPPORT HER ON THAT. AND SO I
16 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THINK, UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE IN THIS
17 SITUATION, BUT THESE CHILDREN NEED A PLACE TO GO. AND, YOU
18 KNOW, FOR ME, I THINK ABOUT THOSE PARENTS THAT WORK. WHAT DO
19 THEY DO WITH THEIR CHILDREN WHO NORMALLY WOULD BE IN SCHOOL?
20 AND NOW OUR PARENTS DON'T WANT TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO THE
21 SCHOOLS. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ALSO LOOK AT OUR
22 LIBRARIES. AND ALSO, I'M 100-PERCENT WITH YOU ON THIS.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION.
25 CERTAINLY, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT. AND THAT'S SORT OF JUST

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1 LIKE US, AS THE COUNTY, TO LOOK WHERE THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE
2 CAN HELP WITH OUR RESIDENTS IN ANY KIND OF CRISIS SITUATION.
3 BUT, YOU KNOW, I JUST FEEL THE NEED TO SAY I THINK OUR
4 TEACHERS REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN THIS POSITION. THEY DID
5 NOT WANT TO STRIKE. THEY HAVEN'T LEFT THE CLASSROOM SINCE
6 1989, AND MANY OF THEM ARE TROUBLED, LIKE, "WHY DO WE HAVE TO
7 STRIKE TO GET THINGS LIKE SMALLER CLASS SIZES?" SO THERE IS
8 PAIN INVOLVED, AND I THINK-- LET'S NOT -- WHILE WE DEFINITELY
9 WANT TO GO IN AND FILL THE GAPS, STAND IN THE GAP, LET'S NOT
10 FORGET THAT, YOU KNOW, TEACHERS, WHEN THEY'RE IN THEIR
11 CLASSROOM, A LOT OF THINGS WORK WELL FOR FAMILIES. CHILDCARE
12 WORKS WELL. MEALS FOR KIDS IN SCHOOL WORKS WELL. AFTERSCHOOL
13 ACTIVITIES WORK WELL. I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT THAT WORKS WELL
14 WHEN TEACHERS ARE IN THE CLASSROOM. AND SO I DON'T THINK WE
15 SHOULD LOSE SIGHT JUST BECAUSE WE'RE EASING THE PAIN A LITTLE
16 BIT, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP TRACK OF WHAT WE'RE DOING.
17 LET'S KEEP TRACK OF THE PARKING FEES THAT WE'VE WAIVED. LET'S
18 KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE STUDENTS THAT ARE GOING TO OUR MUSEUMS
19 AND OUR LIBRARIES. MAYBE WE COULD HAVE SOME KIND OF A
20 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AFTERWARDS ON HOW THINGS WORK BETTER WHEN
21 OUR TEACHERS ARE IN THE CLASSROOMS. AND THEY DO A LOT. THEY
22 ADD A LOT OF VALUE TO FAMILIES, NOT JUST DURING SCHOOL HOURS
23 FOR THEIR STUDENTS. SO I LIKE IT THAT WE'RE DOING THIS, BUT I
24 WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE REALIZE WHY THINGS WORK BETTER WHEN
25 TEACHERS WIN AND STUDENTS WIN. OKAY. THANK YOU. MADAM

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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD
2 LIKE TO ADDRESS US?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ERIC PREVEN AND
5 HERMAN HERMAN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, YOU'RE WAIVING. OH, YOU'RE WAIVING YOUR
8 ABILITY TO-- I THOUGHT YOU WERE WAVING IN SUPPORT OF MY
9 COMMENTS, BUT YOU'RE WAVING TO SAY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPEAK
10 ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. MR. HERMAN.

11

12 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, HOW DO TRUE AND RECOGNIZED EDUCATORS
13 BENEFIT FROM WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? WELL, THEY BENEFIT BASED ON
14 WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN ACTUALLY EDUCATE. MAJORITY OF YOU HERE
15 CAN TEACH. TEACH US RIGHT FROM WRONG, OR TEACH US AS THE CITY
16 ATTORNEY MIGHT INTERACT: INAPPROPRIATELY. BUT THE ISSUE THAT
17 I'M HERE TO REMIND YOU IS THAT AT A TIME WHEN I USED TO
18 EDUCATE, AND I FALL INTO THE L.A. TIMES ARCHIVES FOR DOING A
19 GREAT JOB, BUT WASN'T PAID TO DO A GREAT JOB, BUT I DID IT
20 BECAUSE IT WAS MY JOB. I DID IT BECAUSE I HAVE PASSION FOR
21 WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF DOING AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO, LIKE
22 MANY IN THE AUDIENCE HERE HAS THE SAME CAPACITY AS I DO.
23 HOWEVER, I TAKE IT TO ANOTHER DEGREE. SO LET US NOT MAKE UP
24 FALSENESS AND LIES WHAT WE CAN DO, BUT LET'S SET FORTH WHAT
25 WE'RE GOING TO DO. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THOSE
3 ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS THAT WANT TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM.
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO. THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE. I
7 REALIZE THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE EXCRUCIATING CIRCUMSTANCES
8 THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK, I THINK, BEYOND WHAT WE CAN'T DO, BUT
9 WHAT WE CAN DO. AND I'M STRICTLY LOOKING AT THE YOUNGSTERS,
10 THE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND MANY OF THEM, 80 PERCENT, QUALIFY FOR
11 FREE LUNCH PROGRAMS AND ARE DISADVANTAGED. SO, MANY WILL NOT
12 HAVE A MEAL, AND HAVEN'T HAD THE APPROPRIATE NUTRITIONAL SNACK
13 OR LUNCH, OR EVEN AFTERNOON SNACK. SO THIS IS JUST A WAY OF
14 HELPING TO KEEP THEM SOUND, WHATEVER IT IS THEY'RE DOING AT
15 OUR SCHOOLS, BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL RECEIVING MEALS THERE IF
16 THEY SHOW UP. BUT IF THEY DON'T, AND THEY WANT TO GO TO A PARK
17 OR A MUSEUM, THEN WE SHOULD TRY TO DO WHAT WE CAN. THAT'S ALL,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AGREE. OUR HEART IS DEFINITELY IN THE
21 RIGHT PLACE, AND I KNOW YOU JOIN ME IN URGING BOTH SIDES TO
22 STAY AT THE TABLE AND SOLVE THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT METRO ALSO VOTED
2 TO PROVIDE FREE TRANSIT FOR STUDENTS DURING THE STRIKE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, ITEM 22-A IS BEFORE US, AS
5 AMENDED. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS
7 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE-- IT IS APPROPRIATE TO
8 HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS
9 THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
12 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED
13 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 7, 12, 15, 16,
14 17, 20, AND CS-2. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO
15 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 7, 10, AND 16. RANDY RUPERT HAS
16 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 14, AND DOROTHY WONG ON
17 ITEM 7. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AND I'M
18 SORRY. REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE ON ITEMS 12, 16, AND 20.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
23 DISTRICT, AND ITEM 12 CAUGHT MY ATTENTION, BECAUSE THIS IS
24 ABOUT DELIVERING SERVICES WITH A COUNTY CONTRACT AT A RATE OF
25 \$24.06 AN HOUR, OR WITH A CONTRACTOR FOR \$15.79 AN HOUR. SO

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1 THERE'S THE SPREAD FOR PEOPLE TO SEE REAL CLEAR ON... I THINK
2 THIS IS FOR LIBRARY TRANSPORTATION-- DELIVERY SERVICE ROUTING
3 AND STUFF. NOW, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE THING IS \$6.5, I
4 BELIEVE, MILLION, AND THE SAVINGS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BY
5 PAYING THE CONTRACTOR INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES IS
6 \$150,000, AND THEY HAD TO JACK THAT UP BY 50, BECAUSE THEY
7 WERE WORRIED THAT 100 WOULDN'T LOOK BIG ENOUGH. SO IT RAISES A
8 QUESTION. IT RAISES A QUESTION. THE WINNER WAS PACKTRACK. I
9 MEAN, I-- YOU KNOW, THIS IS A RELATIVELY SMALL CONTRACT, BUT
10 IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE. AND I'LL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT LIBRARIES.
11 WE HAD THAT MEETING AT OUR LIBRARY. WE GOT A REFURBISHMENT
12 ITEM HERE. IT'S NICE TO CELEBRATE SKYE PATRICK, FOR SURE, BUT
13 AT OUR LIBRARY, AS I TOLD YOU, WE HAD A MEETING. AND WE'RE
14 USING IT FOR CIVIC STUFF WHERE IT'S NOT ONE OF THE GREAT
15 LEADING LIGHTS OF THE PARTY HOLDING A RALLY, BUT WE'RE
16 LISTENING TO PEOPLE. AND AS I TOLD YOU, WE HEARD FROM A
17 YOUNGER PERSON, MR. HAFETZ, A DISPENSARY WORKER; DIDN'T LIVE
18 IN STUDIO CITY, AND STARTED TO MELT OUR ICY HEARTS ABOUT, WHAT
19 CAN WE DO LOCALLY? AND THE LIBRARY IS A GREAT HUB FOR THAT
20 KIND OF THING, BECAUSE WE HAVE A BULLETIN BOARD, AND WE HAVE
21 PEOPLE LIKE SUPERVISOR KUEHL WHO USE IT ALL THE TIME-- YOU
22 KNOW, COME AND TAKE BOOKS OUT, AND READ, AND PARTICIPATE. AND
23 THEN WE ALSO HAVE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT THINK, "OH, I HAVE A ROOM
24 THAT I COULD FILL, BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD EVERYTHING ELSE." SO
25 WE WERE SAYING WE COULD HAVE SOME KIND OF A CONNECTING

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1 BULLETIN BOARD. WE ALSO HAVE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TALK ABOUT
2 SHORT-TERM RENTALS, AND ARE IRATE ABOUT THE PARTY. SO WE'VE
3 GOT A LOT OF ISSUES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT THE LIBRARY IS
4 CENTRAL. SO I WOULD RECOMMEND TWEETING OUR CIVIC MESSAGE FROM
5 THE STUDIO CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. IT'S A LITTLE VIDEO.
6 THANKS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DOROTHY WONG:** HI, YES. MY NAME IS DOROTHY WONG, AND I AM
11 SPEAKING ON ITEM 7. I WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
12 LOOKING AT THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AS IT RELATES TO THE
13 SAFETY OF THE BIRD SCOOTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M ALSO CHAIR
14 OF THE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE FOR THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL.
15 WE HAD BIRD SCOOTERS COME AND GIVE US A PRESENTATION ON WHAT
16 THEY'RE ABOUT, AND THERE WAS A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON HOW
17 THIS SCOOTER COMPANY COULD HELP US, AND OBVIOUSLY CONCERNS
18 ABOUT SAFETY OF USE. SO WE ASKED THEM TO COME BACK AND EDUCATE
19 OUR COMMUNITY, TEACH US HOW TO USE THESE SCOOTERS IN APRIL.
20 WE'RE SETTING UP A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LIBRARY TO HAVE A "GET
21 HEALTHY: WALK AND ROLL ALTADENA" IN APRIL, SO THAT COULD BE A
22 REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY. I URGE YOU TO ALSO REALLY TAKE
23 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SERIOUSLY IN ALTADENA. SO WE'RE GETTING
24 PEOPLE TO GO TO THE NEXT-GEN BUS PRESENTATION ON JANUARY 24TH.
25 AND WE DO HAVE A LOT OF UNSAFE AREAS. I HAVE A GHOST BIKE AT

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1 MY HOUSE FROM A GENTLEMAN NAMED RICHARD WOOD, WHO LIVED IN SAN
2 MARINO. HE CAME TO RIDE HIS BICYCLE IN ALTADENA. HE FOLLOWED
3 THE BIKE ROUTES. HE HIT A SPEED BUMP, AND HE DIED. SO WE HAVE
4 TO DO THINGS. MY FRIEND WORKS AT J.P.L. SHE WAS HIT BY A CAR
5 THAT DIDN'T SEE HER, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE SAFE PASSAGE FOR
6 BICYCLING. WOODBURY-- I HAVE THE REPORT FROM FIRE THAT
7 WOODBURY HAS LARGE BUSES AND TRUCKS. THEY'RE ACTUALLY IN THE
8 BIKE LANE. JACKSON ELEMENTARY-- WE JUST DID A SAFE ROUTES TO
9 SCHOOLS WORKSHOP, AND THEY DON'T WANT TO MOVE THE CARS AWAY,
10 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE BIKE LANE AND THE CARS ARE NEXT TO EACH
11 OTHER. SO, WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO ACCELERATE OUR BIKE PLAN IS
12 OUT OF DATE. IF WE WANT THE SCOOTERS TO BE SAFE, WE NEED A
13 SAFE PLACE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THANK YOU, AND I WILL HAVE SOMEONE GET IN
16 CONTACT WITH YOU, BECAUSE WE ARE UPDATING OUR BIKE PLAN,
17 COUNTYWIDE. AND I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS
18 GOING TO BE SHARING THE ROAD WITH CARS, AND WHAT HAPPENED IN
19 ORANGE GROVE WHEN THEY WANTED TO PUT IN A BIKE LANE. SO WE'LL
20 MAKE SURE YOU'RE ENGAGED AS PART OF THAT, ESPECIALLY WITH
21 ALTADENA, REPRESENTING THE TOWN COUNCIL.

22

23 **DOROTHY WONG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GENEVIEVE?

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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. I WAS GOING TO
3 SPEAK IN FRENCH FOR A MINUTE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, OUI, OUI, MADAME.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GENEVIEVE
8 CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 7, ON THE SCOOTERS, I AM VERY CONCERNED
9 BECAUSE I USE MY ELECTRIC SCOOTER ALL THE TIME, AND PEOPLE
10 WILL UTILIZE THOSE SCOOTERS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIDEWALK. AND
11 THEN I CANNOT GO THROUGH, BECAUSE THEY'RE IN MY WAY. AND
12 THAT'S VERY DANGEROUS. AND IT HAS HAPPENED A FEW TIMES WHERE I
13 HAD TO GO IN THE STREET, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH. SO
14 MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AT THAT AND HOW IT'S AFFECTING PEOPLE LIKE
15 MYSELF. ON ITEM 10, I WAS PUZZLED BY THAT REPORT. FIRST OF
16 ALL, IT WAS WRITTEN BY DR. MARK GHALY. AND NOT BY FRED LEAF,
17 WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE. AND AS USUAL,
18 THIS WAS A NON-REPORT. FOR ME TO LOOK AT THE REPORT TO SEE...
19 YOU KNOW, "TO BE DETERMINED," IT'S NOT THE REPORT. I'D LIKE
20 SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC, SO I CAN PUT MY TEETH INTO
21 IT, YOU KNOW, SO I CAN KNOW WHEN I SHOULD GET UPSET WHEN IT'S
22 NOT FINISHED, OR SO ON. "TO BE DETERMINED" IS DEPENDING, "OH,
23 LET ME SEE WHAT TIME THE WIND FLOWS TODAY." AND SO PLEASE, IN
24 THE FUTURE... LIKE I SAID, FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T THINK IT'S
25 SUPPOSED TO BE MARK GHALY WHO GAVE THAT REPORT AND WROTE THAT

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1 REPORT. AND I WANT THE "TO BE DETERMINED" TO BE, YOU KNOW, A
2 THING OF THE FUTURE, AND NOT THE PAST; THE PAST, OTHER THAN
3 THE FUTURE. BONNE ANNEE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MERCI BEAUCOUP.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** PAS DE QUOI.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS? OKAY, MEMBERS,
10 NOW IS THE TIME FOR SPECIALS, AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER... OH, NO. ACTUALLY, WE NEED SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
12 THE...

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** IS IT A FOUR-VOTE ITEM?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. CAN WE GO TO 12?

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN WE CARVE OUT THAT ONE THAT'S A FOUR-VOTE, AND
19 VOTE ON THE REST, AND THEN WAIT FOR HER RETURN?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. BUT CAN WE DO A SPECIAL-- HAVE
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER READ IN, AT THIS TIME? IS THAT APPROPRIATE?
23 OKAY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHY DON'T YOU READ IN YOUR MOTION?

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'LL JUST READ THIS IN
2 FOR CONSIDERATION FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. IN 1967, THE
3 LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR
4 RONALD REAGAN, WITH THE INTENT OF MOVING AWAY FROM
5 INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND TOWARD COMMUNITY-BASED CARE, AS AN
6 EFFORT TO PROTECT THE CIVIL LIBERTIES OF THOSE WHO ARE LIVING
7 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. PART OF THIS EFFORT INCLUDED JUDICIAL
8 OVERSIGHT IN CASES IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS BEING ASSESSED FOR
9 CONSERVATORSHIP. A CONSERVATORSHIP IS A LEGAL ARRANGEMENT
10 WHICH GIVES ONE ADULT CONSERVATOR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
11 OVERSEEING THE COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR ANOTHER
12 ADULT CONSERVATEE AS A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, AND IS FOUND TO
13 BE GRAVELY DISABLED BY THE COURT. THE ENACTMENT OF L.P.S.
14 SHIFTED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARE FROM THOSE LIVING WITH A
15 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FROM THE STATE TO THE COUNTIES. THIS
16 WAS DESPITE THE FACT THAT COUNTIES WERE NOT EQUIPPED TO
17 EFFECTIVELY SERVE THOSE WHO WERE BEING RELEASED FROM THE STATE
18 MENTAL HOSPITALS. THE POPULATION OF STATE HOSPITALS-- STATE
19 MENTAL HOSPITALS-- WAS HIGHEST IN 1959, UNDER GOVERNOR EDMUND
20 G. BROWN, SR., AND AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE 37,500 PATIENTS
21 STATEWIDE. BY 1967, WHEN L.P.S. WAS SIGNED INTO LAW, THE
22 POPULATION FELL TO 22,000 AND HAS CONTINUED TO DROP UNDER
23 SUBSEQUENT ADMINISTRATIONS. TODAY, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
24 OF STATE HOSPITALS OPERATES ONLY FIVE FACILITIES-- ATASCADERO,
25 COALINGA, METROPOLITAN, NAPA, AND PATTON. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF

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1 BEDS AVAILABLE AT THOSE FACILITIES IS 6,078. THE CURRENT WAIT
2 TIME FOR A PLACEMENT IN ONE OF THESE STATE HOSPITALS IS
3 ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THIS LEAVES THOUSANDS OF
4 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN NEED OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL PLACEMENT ON
5 WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN ENDLESS WAITLIST, WHICH CAN BE DETRIMENTAL
6 TO THEIR CONDITION. THE SHORTAGE OF STATE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS
7 MEANS THAT INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF THIS LEVEL OF CARE AND THEIR
8 FAMILIES WOULD BE FORCED TO SEARCH FOR PLACEMENT ELSEWHERE.
9 HOWEVER, WHEN EXAMINING CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH
10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DATA, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS DEFICIT
11 IN NONSTATE OPTIONS, AS WELL. ACCORDING TO THE STATE, THE
12 NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS, EXCLUDING STATE HOSPITALS,
13 FELL FROM 181 IN 1995, TO 144 IN 2016, A REDUCTION OF OVER 20
14 PERCENT. THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FACILITIES RESULTED IN
15 THE LOSS OF 2,651 NONSTATE BEDS BETWEEN 1995 AND 2016.
16 ACCORDING TO LEADING MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS, THE MINIMUM NUMBER
17 OF BEDS REQUIRED TO APPROPRIATELY MEET THE NEED IS 50 PUBLIC
18 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS. IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, THERE ARE ONLY 22.7 BEDS PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS, AND
20 CALIFORNIA ONLY HAS 17.05 BEDS PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS. FOR
21 FAR TOO LONG, THE NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL BEDS HAS
22 DWINDLED, LEAVING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND THEIR
23 FAMILIES WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE. AS A
24 RESULT, WE HAVE SEEN GROWING PREVALENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS
25 AMONG THE HOMELESS POPULATION AND IN OUR JAILS. AS A COUNTY,

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1 WE MUST EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MENTAL
2 HEALTH HOSPITAL BEDS FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF THIS LEVEL
3 OF CARE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
4 NUMBER ONE, DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN
5 COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TO DRAFT A PLAN
6 FOR THE CREATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL BEDS TO INCLUDE
7 POTENTIAL SITES, FUNDING OPTIONS, PATIENT POPULATION, AND
8 OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 120
9 DAYS. NUMBER 2, DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN
10 COORDINATION WITH THE C.E.O. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO
11 ASSESS CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL
12 BEDS TO SUPPORT THE JAIL POPULATION, AND INCLUDE THIS AS PART
13 OF THE REPORT-BACK DUE IN 120 DAYS. AND THREE, DIRECT THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL
15 CONTRACTED MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL BEDS, AND MAKE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ALLOW THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN AND/OR
17 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE, AND INCLUDE THIS AS
18 PART OF THE REPORT-BACK DUE IN 120 DAYS. I WOULD SUBMIT THAT
19 FOR CONSIDERATION NEXT WEEK.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL PLACE THAT ON A FUTURE
22 AGENDA. NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TELL US WHAT WE WILL BE
23 VOTING ON.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 7, 10, 12,
2 14, 15, 16, 17, AND 20.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED
5 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
7 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF
8 INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF
9 OUR BOARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR MR. EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
12 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
13 DOROTHY WONG, EILEEN PEREZ, ESIQUIO REYES, GEORGE BUZZETTI,
14 HOUSTON LAWRENCE, IVETTE ALE, JULIET PAPPAS, KENNETH BATISTE,
15 LARRY LAVEN, "BIG MONEY" GRIFF, PRECIOUS YOUNG, AND TRAMELL
16 CARTER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME, AND GO AHEAD.

19

20 **JULIET PAPPAS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JULIET
21 PAPPAS, AND I'M HERE TO COMMENT ON THE DEVIL'S GATE PROJECT
22 OPERATED BY L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. I'M A RESIDENT OF LA
23 CANADA, AND A PARENT TO TWO CHILDREN WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY
24 THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT. THE PROJECT WILL USE ABOUT 100
25 TRUCKS, MAKING FOUR ROUND TRIPS DAILY DURING THE EIGHT-MONTH

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1 HAULING SEASON, FOR FOUR YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, 3,000
2 CHILDREN WILL BE EXPOSED CONTINUOUSLY TO DIESEL EXHAUST THAT
3 CONTAINS KNOWN CARCINOGENS AND HARMFUL CHEMICALS. U.S.C.
4 RESEARCHERS HAVE DOCUMENTED THAT EXPOSURE TO ROADWAY POLLUTION
5 STAYS WITH CHILDREN FOREVER, AFFECTING THEIR LUNG DEVELOPMENT
6 AND CAUSING CELL DAMAGE THAT LATER BECOMES CANCER. THE
7 AGGRESSIVE HAULING SEASON WILL BEGIN IN MID-APRIL. IT'S NOT
8 TOO LATE TO REDUCE THE HAZARDS TO PUBLIC HEALTH. THE COUNTY
9 CAN TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE HOW THE PROJECT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED
10 BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DAILY ROUND TRIPS FROM 425--

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **JULIET PAPPAS:** I HAVE 1,000 SIGNATURES THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
15 PRESENT.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AND, MADAM CHAIR, I'M HAVING A MEETING WITH THE
18 SCHOOL BOARD, WITH THE MAYOR OF LA CANADA. WE'VE BEEN WORKING
19 WITH C.A.R.B. TO PUT IN MONITORING. SO WE WILL BE GETTING YOU
20 MORE INFORMATION, MOVING FORWARD.

21

22 **JULIET PAPPAS:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAND SOMETHING IN TO US, WE
2 WILL GLADLY TAKE IT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **EILEEN PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE, SUPERVISORS,
5 ESPECIALLY KATHRYN. MY NAME IS EILEEN PEREZ, AND I WANT TO
6 TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF. MY PARENTS IMMIGRATED HERE IN
7 1963, AND AS IMMIGRANTS, THEY WERE POOR AND UNEDUCATED. BUT WE
8 CAME TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR A BETTER LIFE, AND THIS
9 CITY HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO ME AND MY COMMUNITY. I WANT YOU
10 TO KNOW THAT I GREW UP HERE. I WAS ACTUALLY BORN HERE IN
11 CHINATOWN, EDUCATED IN THE K-12 PUBLIC SECTOR, AND EVEN WENT
12 TO SCHOOL AT U.C. SANTA BARBARA. I'M BLESSED TO LIVE IN THIS
13 BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN LA CANADA, AND THAT'S WHERE
14 I WANT THE SAME FOR MY FAMILY AND FOR MY KIDS. AND SO I'M HERE
15 TO COMMENT ABOUT THE DEVIL'S GATE PROJECT, AS WELL. AS A
16 RESIDENT OF LA CANADA, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SEDIMENT
17 REMOVAL PROJECT NEEDS MORE INVESTIGATION. SAFE REMOVAL DOESN'T
18 MEAN POSSIBLE GIVEN DIESEL INDUSTRY, AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL
19 PROBLEMS THAT ARE CONTROLLING THE HARMFUL DIESEL EXHAUST. LAST
20 WEEK, ANOTHER DIESEL CHEATING SCANDAL WAS ANNOUNCED, THIS TIME
21 BY FIAT CHRYSLER, WHO WAS FINED \$305 MILLION FOR INSERTING
22 ILLEGAL--

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAND IN
2 THE REST OF YOUR TESTIMONY, YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY, WE'LL BE
3 GLAD TO READ IT.

4

5 **EILEEN PEREZ:** I SURE WILL.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AND AGAIN, WE ARE MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD,
8 CITY, AS WELL AS, I THINK, ANTHONY PORTANTINO WILL BE THERE, A
9 STATE SENATOR, TO TALK ABOUT THE MONITORING EQUIPMENT THAT
10 WILL BE IN PLACE, AND WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT.

12

13 **EILEEN PEREZ:** I APPRECIATE THAT.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** SURE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY EYES HAVE SEEN
20 THE GLORY FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF MEN TO WOMEN IN 2019. ALL
21 OF OUR EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY OF THE TRANSFORMATION FROM MEN
22 TO WOMEN, NOT ONLY IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, BUT RIGHT
23 HERE AT THIS DAIS. AND BELIEVE ME, ALL EYES ARE ON YOU LADIES.
24 THEY SAY THE FRUIT DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE. FORMER
25 SUPERVISOR KENNY HAHN, WHO WAS A GOOD MAN, WHO WAS A FAIR MAN,

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1 WITH HIS RASPY VOICE, WHO THIS BUILDING'S NAMED AFTER, HE
2 WOULD SAY IN THE BACK CORNERS OF THE ROOM, "WE HAVE STATE
3 MONEY, WE HAVE COUNTY MONEY. GIVE THIS MONEY TO THE TEACHERS
4 WHO ARE PROTESTING ACROSS THE STREET RIGHT NOW, AND GIVE THE
5 LOW-WAGE COUNTY WORKERS THEIR FAIR SHARE. THEY DESERVE IT." AS
6 YOU KNOW, ERIC GARCETTI, AS WELL AS GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM,
7 NEED TO BE HEARD.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **DOROTHY WONG:** HI. MY NAME IS DOROTHY WONG. I LIVE IN ALTADENA,
12 AND I WANTED TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVIL'S GATE DAMN
13 SEDIMENT RESTORATION REMOVAL PROJECT, AS IT RELATES TO HOW THE
14 PEOPLE WHO LIVE AROUND THE AREA, THAT CARE ABOUT HABITAT,
15 NATURE, AND AIR QUALITY HAVE SPOKEN. SO, BASICALLY, THE TREES
16 ARE GONE. THE HABITAT IS LOST. IT'S LIKE A WAR ZONE. I DON'T
17 KNOW HOW ELSE TO EXPLAIN IT. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT, YOU
18 SHOULD LOOK AT THE PICTURES. 50-PLUS ACRES OF MATURE, HEALTHY
19 RIPARIAN HABITAT, GONE. HEALTHY OAK TREE ANNIHILATED, GONE.
20 PASADENA AND THE WEST ALTADENA SIDE HAVE LOST THEIR PROTECTIVE
21 COVER OF TREES. BIRDS, COYOTES... BIRDS ARE GONE. HUMMINGBIRDS
22 ARE SCREAMING. I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO SAY IT. WE NEED TO
23 PROTECT WHAT'S LEFT, WORK TOGETHER, RESPECT NATURE, PUBLIC
24 HEALTH. AND AFTER WE DO THE DIG, LET'S RESTORE.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, BUT IF
2 YOU'D LIKE TO HAND IN ANY WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT YOU DIDN'T
3 GET TO, WE'D BE GLAD TO READ IT.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN, MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THAT... DOROTHY,
6 YOU DO RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING
7 RESTORATION, AND YOU ARE GOING TO BE INVOLVED? AND THERE WAS
8 AN ERROR THAT WAS DONE, AND THE FIRST PERSON WE REACHED OUT TO
9 WAS YOU. WE ARE TRYING TO BE AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE, AND
10 UNFORTUNATELY-- AND MARK PESTRELLA KNOWS THAT HE NEEDS TO BE
11 MORE VIGILANT, AS IT RELATES TO WHO WE'RE CONTRACTING WITH,
12 BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU, MY COMMITMENT HAS BEEN TO LIMIT THE
13 FOOTPRINT. AND I AM EQUALLY AS OUTRAGED ABOUT WHAT OCCURRED.
14 BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT IN THE PROMISE I MADE ABOUT
15 TRANSPARENCY, WE WANTED TO BE FORTHRIGHT WITH YOU ABOUT THAT,
16 AND YOU WILL BE WITH US AS WE PUT IN THE NEW VEGETATION.

17

18 **DOROTHY WONG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, MS. BARGER.
21 JUST KIDDING. [LAUGHTER.]

22

23 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** SHE STOLE A LOT OF TIME.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
3 LAVEN, AND I'M FROM ENCINO. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE
4 BACKBONE TO MENTAL HEALTH COURT: THE PSYCHIATRISTS. I CLAIM
5 THAT PSYCHIATRISTS HAVE THE GREASE THAT RELATE TO ART
6 DIFFERENT THAN SCIENCE. I MIGHT BE WRONG, BUT I THINK I'M
7 RIGHT. AT THE SANITY PHASE OF A MURDER TRIAL THAT I ATTENDED
8 AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, AND THE DEFENDANT PLEADED NOT
9 GUILTY BY MEANS OF INSANITY, THE FIRST PSYCHIATRIST TO TESTIFY
10 SAID THAT PSYCHIATRY IS AN ART. I AM UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
11 TO BECOME A PSYCHIATRIST ONE MUST FIRST BECOME A MEDICAL
12 DOCTOR, AND MEDICAL DOCTORS CERTAINLY DO HAVE DEGREES THAT
13 RELATE TO SCIENCE. HOWEVER, I STILL BELIEVE THAT PSYCHIATRY IS
14 AN ART AND NOT A SCIENCE, AND THE REASON THAT A PSYCHIATRIST
15 MUST FIRST BECOME A MEDICAL DOCTOR IS BECAUSE WITHOUT THE
16 MEDICAL LICENSE, A PSYCHIATRIST COULD NOT LEGALLY PRESCRIBE
17 MEDICINE. IN OTHER WORDS, PSYCHIATRISTS ARE MEDICAL DOCTORS
18 WHO PRACTICE AN ART, AND TAKE A NONSCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO
19 PRESCRIBING MEDICINE.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE EXTRA OF
22 YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT YOU DIDN'T GET TO, YOU CAN TURN IT
23 IN AND WE'LL READ IT.

24

25 **LARRY LAVEN:** I HANDED IT TO SOMEONE.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **KENNETH BATISTE:** MY NAME IS KENNETH BATISTE. FIRST THING, I
6 CAME HERE FOR A PERSONAL MATTER. BUT LOOKING AT ALL OF THIS
7 THAT'S WENT ON TODAY, I THINK I NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S
8 GENERAL. IT IS BECAUSE OF OURSELVES WHEN THINGS LIKE THIS ARE
9 SAID, WHEN YOU IGNORE OR TREAT LIGHTLY, YOU EMPOWER THE OTHER.
10 THE SHUTDOWN-- THIS IS AFFECTING A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE. YES,
11 HE HAS LOST TOUCH OF REALITY. Y'ALL HAVEN'T. IT'S HERE IN YOUR
12 FACE. YOU DEAL WITH CHAOS. SOMETIMES I WONDER, WHEN YOU GO
13 HOME, ARE YOU READY JUST TO HAVE A DRINK OF WINE? I CAN
14 RELATE, OKAY? EXPANSION AND STRENGTH. THIS IS WHAT OUR
15 ADVERSARIES WANTED. THEY WANTED US TO DIVIDE AND FIGHT--
16 REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS. I'M GLAD I WAS BORN IN
17 CALIFORNIA. I'M GLAD I WAS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES. WE NEED
18 TO ALL COME TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT MESSAGE. NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI, FORMER DIRECTOR OF POLICY
24 CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY CALIFORNIA. CREATING CHAOS IS ALL
25 THAT YOU'RE ABOUT, AND TRUMP. YOU ARE TRUMP'S DEPLORABLES

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1 BEFORE HIM, AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO BREAK THE LAW... AND
2 USE THESE STUPID SHRINKS THAT DON'T KNOW A DAMN THING ABOUT
3 WHAT THEY'RE DOING. LET ME NAME SOME NAMES: SHERIN. GEORGE
4 BLAIR, WHO ILLEGALLY GAVE ME ABILIFY... TO KILL ME. WHICH, TO
5 THIS DAY, GO LOOK UP THE AFTEREFFECTS. EVERY NIGHT, SIX TO
6 EIGHT TIMES A NIGHT, I AM WOKEN UP WITH DRAMATIC PAIN, AS MY
7 BONES FEEL LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO BLOW APART. MY SHOULDERS,
8 ARMS, HANDS, UNTREATED AFTER I WAS IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM A YEAR
9 AGO. I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR ZAMORO, THE DAY BEFORE
10 COURT. RECORDED THE CALL. AND AGAIN, AFTER FIVE YEARS, I WAS
11 REFUSED HEALTHCARE, YOU FILTHY PEOPLE. SO IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME
12 MY PHONE RECORDS--

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU ARE GOING TO PRISON.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** FOLLOW THE LAW.

21

22 **ESQUIO REYES:** HI. MY NAME'S ESIQUIO REYES. LAST YEAR WAS BOTH
23 DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING. THE DIFFICULT PART HAD TO DEAL WITH
24 SEEING MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE BECOMING LESS OF THEMSELVES, AS
25 THEY FINALLY REALIZE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE STUCK IN THEIR

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1 LEVEL OF HOMELESSNESS FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. THE
2 REWARDING PART WAS THERE WAS NO DEATHS. MANY OF THE
3 INTERACTIONS IN WHICH I ACTUALLY TOOK THE INITIATING STEP ON
4 TO MEETING HOMELESS PEOPLE ALLOWED A LOT OF THEM TO ALLEVIATE
5 LEVELS OF STRESS, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL KIND, AND WHICH COMPOUND
6 OVER THE YEARS WHILE DEALING WITH IT. THERE ARE MANY-- THERE
7 IS A FRONT LINE, AND I NEED TO STRESS THIS: THE FRONT LINE IS
8 MANY OF THE HOMELESS THAT ARE LOOKED UPON AS LEADERS BY OTHER
9 HOMELESS. IF YOU ALL CAN INCREASE G.R. FUNDS, YOU CAN ACTUALLY
10 SEE MANY OF THE HOMELESS FINALLY INTERACT SOCIALLY WITH ACTUAL
11 REASON, INSTEAD OF INCOMPETENCE, LIKE WHAT WE'VE SEEN. THANK
12 YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** OKAY. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH, AND I'D LIKE TO
17 TALK ABOUT HOW LAST WEEK'S MEETING FELT DIFFERENT FROM THE
18 OTHER MEETINGS WITH THE JAIL TOPIC. COINCIDENTALLY, IVETTE ALE
19 HAD TO LEAVE EARLY, AND SHE LEFT SOME LETTERS FOR EACH OF YOU
20 FROM JUSTICE L.A., TO BE DISTRIBUTED. AND THAT ACTUALLY IS IN
21 THE SPIRIT THAT-- I FELT, ACTUALLY, A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION
22 AT THE END OF THE MEETING. WHAT WAS DIFFERENT? MANY OF YOU
23 FOLKS HAVE BEEN LEGISLATORS. YOU'VE BEEN IN SITUATIONS WHERE
24 YOU HAVE HEARINGS WELL IN ADVANCE OF FINAL DECISIONS,
25 OPPORTUNITIES, SEVERAL FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE,

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1 SOMETIMES SEVERAL COMMITTEES, COUPLE HOUSES OF LEGISLATURE,
2 AND THEN THE EXECUTIVE. YOU'RE ALL OF THAT STUFF. WE HAVE
3 AMALGAMATION OF POWERS HERE. BUT LAST WEEK, THE TALK WAS
4 SEPARATE FROM THE DECISION-MAKING, AND THERE WAS A SPIRIT OF
5 LISTENING. I ATTRIBUTE THAT TO ALL THE PARTIES. INCLUSIVE
6 SOLUTIONS THAT DO MORE GOOD FOR EVERYONE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE
7 IF THE PROCESS IS INCLUSIVE. AND I HOPE THAT THINGS CAN BE
8 DONE TO HAVE MORE OF THAT SPIRIT IN MEETINGS, BOTH FROM YOU AS
9 THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE MEETINGS, AND OF COURSE FROM AS MANY
10 OF THE PUBLIC AS I CAN HAVE SOME SAY ON.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS EVERYONE, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT IS EVERYONE. OKAY. SO THAT'S ALL FOR
21 OUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NOW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DO OUR
22 ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE WILL START WITH DISTRICT 1, THEN WE'RE
23 GOING 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. I'M SO ORGANIZED.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY IN MEMORY OF FRANCISCO RAMIREZ. FRANCISCO RAMIREZ PASSED
3 AWAY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH, FROM A HEART ATTACK. HE WAS 64
4 YEARS OF AGE. HE WAS THE OWNER OF THE LA PLACITA TORTILLERIA
5 IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE TORTILLERIA HAS BEEN A STAPLE IN THE
6 COMMUNITY SINCE 1972. AT THIS TIME, MR. RAMIREZ WAS JUST 18
7 YEARS OF AGE, BUT HAD THE RESOLVE AND CONFIDENCE TO TAKE OVER
8 HIS BROTHER'S STRUGGLING BUSINESS. HE TURNED THE STRUGGLING
9 BUSINESS INTO A HEAVYWEIGHT IN THE TORTILLA INDUSTRY. MR.
10 RAMIREZ WAS NOT ONLY RESPECTED, BUT WELL KNOWN FOR HIS
11 GENEROSITY. HE SPONSORED DOZENS OF LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES,
12 TEAMS, AND WOULD PROVIDE TORTILLAS FOR CARNIVALS HELD AT OUR
13 LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH. MR. RAMIREZ WENT SO FAR AS TO
14 DONATE TREES TO BEAUTIFY HIS WIFE'S HOMETOWN IN ZACATECAS,
15 MEXICO. LOCAL CHEFS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WILL ALSO TELL YOU HOW
16 MR. RAMIREZ WOULD PROVIDE MEALS TO THEIR BUSINESSES, EVEN IF
17 THEY COULD NOT PAY FOR HIS PRODUCTS, AND WOULD JUST ASK THEM
18 TO PAY WHATEVER MONEY THEY HAD. MR. RAMIREZ'S KINDNESS,
19 GENEROSITY, AND SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY WILL BE MISSED. HE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AMALIA, CHILDREN MABEL, EDWARD, MYRA
21 RODRIGUEZ, FRANCISCO JR., AND MONICA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS
24 ASKED ME TO READ HIS ADJOURNMENTS, AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
25 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NOLA M. CARTER, WHO

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1 WAS BORN IN 1918 IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, PASSED AWAY THIS
2 JANUARY IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 100. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS
3 ANGELES TO ATTEND FRANK WIGGINS COLLEGE AND SOUTHWEST COLLEGE
4 FOR HER DEGREE IN BUSINESS AND REAL ESTATE. MS. CARTER WAS
5 EMPLOYED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADULT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM,
6 WHERE SHE SERVED AS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE HOMELESS YOUTH.
7 SHE LATER BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF ITS FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
8 CENTER. IN 1982, MS. CARTER JOINED THE SOUTH CENTRAL
9 MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, NOW KNOWN AS THE LILLIAN
10 MOBLEY MULTIPURPOSE CENTER, AS A VOLUNTEER, AND ROSE TO BECOME
11 THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. SHE WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE BLACK
12 GRASSROOTS CAUCUS, A MEMBER OF THE RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
13 PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF LOCAL UNION 118, VICE
14 PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE ANTWERP ENVIRONMENTAL BLOCK
15 ORGANIZATION, AND WAS PART OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT WORKED
16 TO REMEDY THE DISCREPANCIES OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN
17 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IN 201E, MS. CARTER WAS HONORED BY THE
18 CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE FOR HER
19 WORK TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE IN HER
20 COMMUNITY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A COMMUNITY SERVICES
21 ACTIVIST FOR HER PASSION TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH, MENTAL HEALTH
22 PATIENTS, AND SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE COMMUNITY. MS. CARTER IS
23 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN ALMA, JEWEL, AND KENNETH,
24 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HER DEARLY. MR.
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A SECOND ADJOURNMENT TODAY, AND IT'S FOR

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1 CALLIE MCKINNEY, WHO WAS BORN IN 1936 IN ITTA BENA,
2 MISSISSIPPI, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST DECEMBER IN LOS ANGELES
3 AT THE AGE OF 82. IN 1943, HER FAMILY RELOCATED TO WATTS, AND
4 SHE ATTENDED 111TH STREET AND 102ND STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
5 MS. MCKINNEY IS AN ALUMNA OF DAVID STARR JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL,
6 WHERE SHE PLAYED BASKETBALL AND RAN TRACK. AS A YOUNG WOMAN,
7 SHE FIRST FOUND EMPLOYMENT IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES' GARMENT
8 DISTRICT. MS. MCKINNEY MARRIED CALVIN BAKER, SR., AND FROM
9 THIS UNION THEY HAD FIVE CHILDREN. SHE LATER MET AND MARRIED
10 JAMES D. MCKINNEY, WHO PRECEDED HER IN DEATH. MS. MCKINNEY WAS
11 HIRED AS A DIRECTOR OF OPERATION TEEN POST, IN THE HACIENDA
12 VILLAGE PROJECTS. AND IN 1968, SHE WORKED FOR THE MANN CARPET
13 MILL, AND BECAME THE FIRST BLACK FEMALE CHIEF UNION
14 STEWARDESS. EVEN IN HER RETIREMENT, MS. MCKINNEY CONTINUED TO
15 WORK BY VOLUNTEERING AT THE FRIENDLY MISSIONARY CHURCH AS A
16 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, ON THE USHER BOARD, AND NUMEROUS
17 AUXILIARY MINISTRIES. MS. MCKINNEY WAS A MEMBER OF THE
18 CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH AS A DEACONESS, SERVED ON THE
19 USHER BOARD, AND HELD THE POSITIONS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
20 SUPERINTENDENT, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, AND USHER
21 BOARD PRESIDENT. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER GENEROSITY,
22 HER COOKING, AND HER WARM HUGS. MS. MCKINNEY IS SURVIVED BY
23 HER THREE CHILDREN ANTHONY, LA DONNA, CALVIN JR., HER SPECIAL
24 FRIEND DEACON LEM, THE CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH
25 CONGREGATION, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS

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1 HER DEARLY. THOSE ARE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S ADJOURNMENTS. WE'LL
2 GO TO DISTRICT 3. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
5 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUDITH ROBBINS. WAS THE
6 SECOND FEMALE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE IN BRENTWOOD.
7 ADVOCATED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FOR THE INCLUSION
8 OF INTERMARRIED FAMILIES IN THE REFORMED MOVEMENT OF JUDAISM.
9 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, CINDY AND LINDA. AND I MOVE
10 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS
11 WILLIAMS, ACTOR AND PRODUCER, WHO MADE HIS BROADWAY DEBUT IN
12 1955'S "TALL STORY," AND WENT ON TO APPEAR IN OVER 30
13 MUSICALS. HE BEGAN HIS ENTERTAINMENT CAREER AS A RADIO
14 ANNOUNCER, AND SPENT MANY YEARS WORKING FOR JACK WEBB AT HIS
15 PRODUCTION COMPANY, MARK 7 LIMITED. AMONG HIS DOZENS OF
16 TELEVISION CREDITS WAS "ADAM 12," WHICH HE PRODUCED, AND IN
17 WHICH HE ALSO ACTED. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS NIECE, LINDA
18 CHIAPPETTA, AND HIS GRANDNIECE VICTORIA HESS. AND I MOVE THAT
19 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BETTY
20 ROSENSTEIN; FORMER L.A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BETTY ROSENSTEIN,
21 WHO DIED ON JANUARY 3RD. SHE WAS AN EDUCATION AND WOMEN'S
22 EMPOWERMENT ACTIVIST WHO SERVED ON L.A. COUNTY'S PROBATION
23 COMMISSION, AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, WHICH
24 SHE HELPED FOUND. SHE EARNED HER DOCTORATE FROM U.C.L.A. IN AN
25 ERA WHEN FEW WOMEN ATTAINED ADVANCED DEGREES. SHE FOUGHT

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1 PASSIONATELY TO BRING QUALITY EDUCATION TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED
2 YOUTH. SHE WAS THE FIRST FEMALE MEMBER, AND LATER SERVED AS
3 PRESIDENT, OF THE PROFESSIONAL MEN'S CLUB OF LOS ANGELES.
4 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER, HER SISTER, AND THREE CHILDREN.
5 AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 RENA FALCON, A BROADWAY ACTOR, WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 26TH. SHE
7 HAD HER GREAT BREAK AT THE AGE OF 3, SINGING "THE STAR-
8 SPANGLED BANNER" FOR THE GRADUATING CADETS AT WEST POINT. SHE
9 WENT ON TO PLAY LADY THIANG IN "THE KING AND I," AND APPEARED
10 IN "GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES" WITH CAROL CHANNING, AMONG OTHER
11 MUSICALS. WHILE ON THE ROAD WITH SAMMY DAVIS, JR., AND MR.
12 WONDERFUL, SHE WITNESSED PREJUDICE AGAINST HER BLACK CASTMATES
13 WHICH LATER MOTIVATED HER VERY STRONG CIVIL RIGHTS WORK WITH
14 THE ACTORS' EQUITY GUILD. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER COUSIN, ANNE
15 MARIE SCHWARTZ. ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT THOUGH SHE'S NOT ONE
16 OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, I WANT TO MOURN THE PASSING OF CAROL
17 CHANNING, AGE 97, WHO BROUGHT EVERYBODY SO MUCH JOY AND
18 ENTERTAINMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
21 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SHIRLEY BOONE,
22 THE WIFE OF PAT BOONE. AND I PUT THIS PHOTO UP THERE FOR US TO
23 SEE OF PAT AND SHIRLEY BOONE. AND WHILE SHE WAS TECHNICALLY A
24 CONSTITUENT OF YOURS-- LITERALLY, TECHNICALLY, IN EVERY OTHER
25 WAY, SHE WAS YOUR CONSTITUENT. THEY LIVED IN BEVERLY HILLS.

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1 BUT YOU KNOW THAT THE BOONES WERE DEAR FRIENDS OF MY FAMILY,
2 SO I THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME LEAD THIS ADJOURNMENT. SHIRLEY
3 PASSED AWAY JUST RECENTLY. SHE WAS 84 YEARS OLD, AND SHE WAS
4 THE DAUGHTER OF FAMOUS AMERICAN SINGER RED FOLEY, WHO MADE A
5 MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH OF COUNTRY MUSIC AFTER WORLD
6 WAR II. SHIRLEY'S MOTHER EVA WAS ALSO A COUNTRY SINGER, AND
7 WAS PROFESSIONALLY KNOWN AS JUDY MARTIN. AT THE AGE OF 19,
8 SHIRLEY MARRIED HER HIGH-SCHOOL SWEETHEART, PAT BOONE, WHO
9 LATER BECAME A SUCCESSFUL SINGER, COMPOSER, ACTOR, WRITER,
10 TELEVISION PERSONALITY. THE COUPLE SETTLED IN TEANECK, NEW
11 JERSEY, AND HAD FOUR DAUGHTERS: CHERRY, LINDY, DEBBY AND
12 LAURY. AND OF COURSE THEIR DAUGHTER DEBBY WENT ON TO ALSO
13 BECOME A SINGER, AS WELL. PAT AND SHIRLEY EVENTUALLY MOVED TO
14 BEVERLY HILLS TOGETHER, WHERE THEY RESIDED FOR MORE THAN 50
15 YEARS, WATCHING THEIR FOUR CHILDREN, 16 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 10
16 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN GROW UP. SHIRLEY WAS A BESTSELLING AUTHOR,
17 RECORDING ARTIST, TELEVISION HOSTESS, AND HUMANITARIAN. SHE
18 WAS WELL KNOWN FOR STARTING A BILLION-DOLLAR CHRISTIAN
19 MINISTRY. THE COUPLE'S CHRISTIAN FAITH WAS A CONTRIBUTING KEY
20 FACTOR IN WHAT DROVE THEIR MARRIAGE TO LAST FOR SO LONG. PART
21 OF HER PASSIONS WERE FOCUSED ON GIVING BACK TO OTHERS, WHICH
22 SHE FIRST DID THROUGH AN ORGANIZATION SHE CREATED, CALLED SAVE
23 THE REFUGEE. SHIRLEY, ALONG WITH MINISTERS AND OTHER HUMANE
24 ORGANIZATIONS, RAISED OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN A WEEK'S TIME,
25 SENDING FOOD AND MEDICINES OVER TO CAMBODIA TO ASSIST WITH THE

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1 HUNGER CRISIS. THEIR ORGANIZATION EVENTUALLY MORPHED INTO
2 MERCY CORPS, NOW ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT WORLDWIDE HUNGER
3 RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. AS I SAID, THE BOONES AND THE HAHNS, WE
4 WERE DEAR FAMILY FRIENDS. WE ALL WENT TO CHURCH TOGETHER. AND
5 SOME OF MY GROWING-UP YEARS AS A TEEN WERE WITH CHERRY AND
6 DEBBY AND LAURY AND LINDY. OUR PARENTS WOULD GO TO THE BOONES'
7 HOME EVERY NEW YEAR'S EVE. SO THESE COUPLES FROM THE CHURCH
8 WOULD GO. AND WHILE THEY WERE CELEBRATING NEW YEAR'S EVE, THEY
9 WOULD ALWAYS STOP ABOUT 11:30, AND PAT WOULD LEAD EVERYONE IN
10 A PRAYER AND A HYMN, AND THAT'S HOW THEY BROUGHT IN THE NEW
11 YEAR EVERY YEAR. AND WHEN I SPOKE TO PAT ON SUNDAY, HE SAID,
12 AT THE END OF SHIRLEY'S LIFE, ALL THE GIRLS WERE THERE WITH
13 HIM, AND THEY HAD THE OLD CHURCH OF CHRIST HYMNAL. AND THEY
14 FLIPPED THROUGH IT AND SANG SOME OF SHIRLEY'S FAVORITE HYMNS
15 AS THEY EASED HER INTO THE OTHER LIFE. SO IT WAS A PRECIOUS
16 HOMEGOING FOR SHIRLEY, AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY PAT-- THEY WERE
17 MARRIED FOR 65 YEARS; THEIR FOUR DAUGHTERS, CHERRY, LINDY,
18 DEBBY, LAURY; 16 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 10 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.
19 HER SMILING FACE AND HER TWINKLY EYES WE WILL MISS FOR A LONG
20 TIME. YES. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE
21 MEMORY OF ROBERT JAMES KEEGAN-- BOB. MANY OF YOU REMEMBERED
22 HIM. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74. HE WAS A LONGTIME CHIEF
23 DEPUTY TO FORMER L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN. BOB WAS
24 INSTRUMENTAL IN SEVERAL OF SUPERVISOR EDELMAN'S INITIATIVES,
25 INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE ED EDELMAN CHILDREN'S CORPS. HE

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1 SERVED ON THE L.A. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND
2 WORKED ON THE CREATION OF LOS ANGELES MODERN SUBWAY AND RAIL
3 SYSTEM. HE ALSO SERVED AS SUPERVISOR EDELMAN'S ALTERNATE ON
4 THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. BOB WAS A
5 MASTER OF THEORY, BUT ALSO A PRACTICAL STRATEGIST, WHO
6 UNDERSTOOD HOW POLITICS COULD MAKE POSSIBLE THE IMPLEMENTATION
7 OF GOALS TO BENEFIT THE PUBLIC. BOB LIVED A LIFE OF SERVICE
8 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. HE WAS PART OF OUR L.A.
9 COUNTY FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER JOAN
10 DAVIS, AND NIECES CAROLYN NIEMAN AND HILARY DAVIS. I ALSO MOVE
11 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANITA
12 MENDOZA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. SHE WAS BORN IN
13 WILMINGTON, AND AT THE AGE OF 22 SHE MOVED TO SAN PEDRO WITH
14 HER HUSBAND ERNEST. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER IN BOTH
15 CITIES, BOTH COMMUNITIES, AND ENJOYED ATTENDING EVENTS AT THE
16 TOBERMAN SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB. ANITA WAS A LOVING WIFE, MOTHER,
17 FRIEND, AND SHE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL. SHE WAS PRECEDED
18 IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF 56 YEARS, ERNEST, AND IS SURVIVED
19 BY HER CHILDREN PATRICIA, LAURIE, IRENE, AND ERNIE, 10
20 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 19 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT
21 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHARLES
22 NASH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 49. HE WAS A LONGTIME
23 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF AVALON, AND SERVED AS A RESERVE
24 FIREFIGHTER FOR THE CITY OF AVALON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 6-1/2
25 YEARS. HE WAS AN EXPERT WATERMAN AND ENJOYED SCUBA DIVING,

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1 STAND-UP PADDLE-BOARDING, AND WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE
2 LOCAL OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB. CHARLES WAS VERY PROUD OF HIS
3 POLYNESIAN HERITAGE AND BEING CONNECTED TO THE OCEAN. HIS
4 FRIENDS AND HIS FAMILY WERE SO IMPORTANT TO HIM. HIS GOOD
5 NATURE, HIS HUMOR, HIS STRENGTH WILL BE MISSED BY ALL, AND
6 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON, DAUGHTER, AND GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
7 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LENA
8 BEZMALINOVICH. I ALWAYS TRY TO SAY YOUR NAME RIGHT, AUGIE.
9 LENA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. BORN IN CROATIA, LENA MOVED
10 TO SAN PEDRO AS A HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT. SHE ATTENDED SAN PEDRO
11 HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT TO WORK AT THE STAR-KIST CANNERY, WHERE
12 SHE MET HER HUSBAND JOHN. LENA WAS A TREMENDOUS COOK, FAMOUS
13 FOR HER CROATIAN COOKIES, A REMARKABLE SEAMSTRESS, A WONDERFUL
14 GARDENER, AND A TALENTED ARTIST. SHE'S PRECEDED IN DEATH BY
15 HER HUSBAND JOHN, AND IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN,
16 ANDREW, JANET, AND AUGIE, WHO IS A SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY
17 ADVOCATE FOR THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS FOUR
18 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. LAST ONE. I MOVE
19 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BRUCE
20 MULHEARN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE CAME TO THE
21 UNITED STATES IN 1958, AND BEGAN A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE.
22 BRUCE TOOK A 600-SQUARE-FOOT OFFICE IN BELLFLOWER, WITH THREE
23 STAFF MEMBERS, AND BUILT IT INTO BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOME
24 SERVICES CALIFORNIA PROPERTIES, BASED IN CERRITOS. 52 YEARS,
25 THE GROUP HAS GROWN TO 22 BRANCH OFFICES, WITH MORE THAN 800

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1 SALES ASSOCIATES AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA. BRUCE WAS COMMITTED TO SELLING TO ALL PEOPLE, AND
3 ALWAYS PREACHED THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH
4 CUSTOMERS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS 98-YEAR-OLD MOTHER, ALINE, HIS
5 WIFE TOMAZINA, THREE CHILDREN, SHAWN, KIRK, AND ELAINE, 10
6 GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT-GRANDCHILD. FIFTH DISTRICT.

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
9 DO SO IN MEMORY OF HAROLD BROWN, FORMER RESIDENT OF PASADENA,
10 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS A DEDICATED PUBLIC
11 SERVANT TO OUR NATION. HAROLD PROUDLY SERVED AS THE 14TH
12 UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. PRIOR TO SERVING ON
13 PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S CABINET, HE SERVED AS THE EIGHTH
14 SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON.
15 IN BETWEEN HAROLD'S SECRETARIAL POST, HE SERVED AS A THIRD
16 PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. HE MADE
17 GREAT EFFORTS TO OPEN CAL TECH TO FEMALE UNDERGRADUATES. AFTER
18 HIS TENURE, HE REMAINED A LIFE MEMBER OF THE CAL TECH'S BOARD
19 OF TRUSTEES. HAROLD IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS AND HIS
20 SISTER.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO BE ON
23 THAT ONE.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. ALSO, ELLEN AND PHILIP COUSINS, LONGTIME
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS AND GENEROUS PHILANTHROPIC COUPLE,
3 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79 AND 91, RESPECTIVELY. THEY
4 WERE MARRIED FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS. THEY WERE BOTH ACTIVE IN THE
5 MEDICAL FIELD, WORKING SIDE BY SIDE IN A FAMILY PRACTICE.
6 ELLEN RECEIVED HER REGISTERED NURSING DEGREE IN 1967, AND
7 PHILIP RECEIVED A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE IN 1956. BOTH WERE PILOTS
8 AND WERE PROUD MEMBERS OF THE AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS. THEY
9 ENJOYED LIVING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND TREATING MULTIPLE
10 GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES, UNTIL RETIRING IN 2003. ELLEN AND
11 PHILIP ARE SURVIVED BY THEIR SIX CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN,
12 AND 7 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, NOAH DOMINGO, A RESIDENT OF
13 LA CRESCENTA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 18. NOAH GRADUATED
14 FROM CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE PLAYED BASKETBALL
15 AND FOOTBALL. HE WAS A CO-RECIPIENT OF THE BOOSTER CLUB
16 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR EXEMPLIFYING HIS COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT
17 OF HIS TEAMMATES AND THE TEAM. NOAH ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF
18 CALIFORNIA IRVINE, WHERE HE WAS A BIOLOGY MAJOR. HE WANTED TO
19 PURSUE A CAREER IN SPORTS MEDICINE, TO HELP BASKETBALL
20 PLAYERS. HE IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ACADEMIA AND
21 SPORTS. NOAH IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER DALE, BROTHER NICO, AND
22 SISTER BRIANNA. ALSO, JAMES DRUNISS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
23 GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. HE MOVED TO
24 CALIFORNIA FROM NORTH DAKOTA AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL IN
25 1961. HE ATTENDED LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND

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1 BECAME A PARTNER AT DRUNISS AUTOMOTIVE WITH HIS BROTHERS, WHO
2 WERE ACTIVE IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT. KNOWN AS "MR. DEPENDABLE,"
3 JIM WAS A DEVOUT COMMUNITY SERVANT IN MULTIPLE CAPACITIES. HE
4 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS LOCAL PARISH, INCARNATION CATHOLIC
5 CHURCH, AND VOLUNTEERED WITH THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES ST.
6 VINCENT DE PAUL AND THE CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY. HE WAS ALSO A
7 LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE GLENDALE KIWANIS CLUB, JOINING IN 1986.
8 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN,
9 GRANDSONS, AND SIX SIBLINGS. ALSO, MARY KATHERINE HODSON, A
10 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
11 OF 76. SHE WAS AN EDUCATOR AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER FOR
12 15 YEARS, FOLLOWED BY A CAREER IN REAL-ESTATE SALES UNTIL HER
13 PASSING. SHE VOLUNTEERED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. SHE WAS
14 ACTIVE IN THE SANTA CLARITA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB, SERVING TWICE
15 AS PRESIDENT, AND WAS A RECIPIENT OF AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
16 FOR HER VOLUNTEER WORK THROUGH THE CLUB. MOLLY IS SURVIVED BY
17 HER HUSBAND AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. ALSO, DAVID LAZER,
18 COFOUNDER OF THE AMERICA MESOPOTAMIA SOCIETY, WHO PASSED AWAY
19 AT THE AGE OF 60. HE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER
20 25TH, 1979, GAINED CITIZENSHIP, AND HELD DUAL CITIZENSHIP
21 BETWEEN THE U.S. AND IRAQ HIS ENTIRE LIFE. AS COFOUNDER OF THE
22 AMERICA MESOPOTAMIA SOCIETY, HIS GOAL WAS TO INFLUENCE U.S.
23 POLICY TOWARD PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE. DAVID IS
24 SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE NANIBA, AND TWO CHILDREN, DELLMAN
25 AND TIAMAT. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS
3 SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
4 WILL BE THE ACTION. AT THIS TIME, THE BOARD WILL MOVE INTO
5 CLOSED SESSION, AND FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION WE'RE GOING TO
6 TAKE UP ITEM 25. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO
7 CLOSED SESSION.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
10 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
11 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, PUBLIC
12 EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
13 POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AGENCY; AND ITEM CS-2,
14 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED
15 STAFF. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND,
17 2019, AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANY REPORTABLE ACTION FROM
20 CLOSED SESSION?

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN
23 CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 15, 2019: ITEM CS-1, NO REPORTABLE
24 ACTION WAS TAKEN; ITEM CS-2, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ITEM 25. I
2 KNOW WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM. GENEVIEVE, WOULD YOU
3 LIKE TO COME FORWARD AND SPEAK ON ITEM 25?

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YOU KNOW, IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE ANY
10 DECISION, THEN I DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU WAITED THIS LONG. DON'T YOU WANT TO SAY
13 SOMETHING?

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15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR LUNCH.

16 [LAUGHTER.] I SPENT A WONDERFUL TIME WITH THE GUARDS. WE

17 TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, NICE STUFF. SO, ARE YOU GOING TO BRING

18 IT BACK NEXT WEEK, OR ARE YOU TAKING A DECISION?

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE'RE GOING TO... I'M MOVING THAT WE
21 CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK. I NEED A SECOND.

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** SECOND.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE
2 CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK. AU REVOIR.

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4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AU REVOIR.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ENJOY YOURSELF.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. DOES THAT CONCLUDE OUR
11 MEETING, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT CONCLUDES THE MEETING, SUPERVISOR.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 15, 2019

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5 CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

6 (Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1))
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8 Consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position of
9 Director of the Health Agency. (18-0169)
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11 **No reportable action was taken.**
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14 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

15 (Government Code Section 54957.6)
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17 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief
18 Executive Officer, and designated staff
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20 Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)
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22 **No reportable action was taken.**
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